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RESOLUTION URGING AMENDMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE REGULATIONS ADOPTED

A resolution — far too long to reprint here in full — urging definite, specific amendments in the regulations governing the U. S. Civil Service, particularly with regards to removal from office without a hearing and without rights to civil suit in the courts, was adopted by the National Executive Committee on November 13, copies to be transmitted to every Senator and Representative of the New England states in Congress, and also to the legislative officer or committee of other national veterans organizations with a request for co-operation.

The resolution originated in Haverhill (Mass.) Chapter last year; was approved by the Department of Massachusetts which placed it before the Annual Convention at Providence for action. The resolutions committee reported on all resolutions in one report. On this particular one their recommendation was that it be referred back to the incoming Executive Committee for further study — with power to act. The action taken is as described in the first paragraph above.

AND A BUNCH OF ORCHIDS FOR THE PRINTER

Editor of Yankee Doings:

I should like to congratulate the National Executive Committee for again choosing the Washington Press of Worcester as official printers of YANKEE DOINGS. As one who has been in every branch of publicity work, I doubt if any other firm could get out a cleaner or more up-to-date job. We are fortunate in having such high class craftsmen within our own organization. We can truly be proud of the quality of printing that is done on YANKEE DOINGS.

— JOSEPH F. TIVNAN.

Worcester, Mass.

YD MAN ELEVATED TO JUDICIAL BENCH

On November 9, Governor Barrows of Maine, and Council, approved the appointment of Capt. PERCY A. HARDY of Dexter, Maine, to be judge of the Dexter Municipal Court. Judge HARDY served as Captain of A Co., 103rd Infantry during the war, is a graduate of University of Maine.

This makes at least three YD men known to DOINGS who sit as judges: General EDWARD L. LOGAN of the South Boston District Court; Capt. JOHN C. LEGGAT of the Middlesex County (Mass.) Probate Court, and Judge HARDY. We also see mention (in this issue, "Hartford Convention Ready to Roll") the name of Judge VINE R. PARMELEE. We do not know his status. How many other YD veterans are on the bench?

YD JUNIORS, BOSTON

Due to some very fine diplomatic work by JOSEPH MULHERIN, JIM DEVLIN, FRED O'NEILL and NELSON DUSCHENY, a meeting was brought about for the managers of the YD Juniors and YD Squadron 290, Sons of the American Legion. There were no great obstacles to overcome and the meeting was very harmonious; the result being the consolidation of the two junior drum corps.

The children are now rehearsing at the South Armory on Friday afternoons at 4:30 P. M. Michael Cassano is the bugle instructor; Howard Dillon is in charge of the drummers, and Capt. OSCAR BOHLIN is in command of marching and manoeuvring.

— NED WHELAN.

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BETWEEN OURSELVES

"Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad." A heartening promise from the classic past that certain present-day groups and trends will in due time cease to be. For if gibbering madness ever stalked this long-suffering planet it does so to-day. "I walk like a somnambulist, and I cannot fall." Some bird from the booby-hatch raving? No, just the absolute head of a powerful people, with a genius for war — der Fuehrer. Not many months ago, Hitler emitted this crazy sounding pronouncement. Sleep-walking seems too mild a term however. It is, at all events, a sleep punctuated with nightmares — for others if not for himself.

"For in that sleep of his what dreams may come
To harry sane men's nerves, gives Nations pause."

The Time-clock itself appears to have gone cuckoo. Anachronisms multiply. In an epoch when science has made world solidarity not only possible but imperative, the tide of narrow nationalism is rapidly rising. The old tribal gods rattle their dead bones and hoarsely demand resurrection. And they are coming up primed for combat. Already the lines are drawn. Teutonic Thor turns thumbs down on Jehovah. While it suits his purpose, he will fraternize with Jupiter of Rome, but the goose-step (rechristened passo Romano) is the least of the price the Romans must pay for the alliance.

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Meanwhile the League has succumbed to pernicious anæmia, after a period of almost complete coma. But there are no symptoms of anæmia in the dictator-ridden realms. Excessively high blood pressure is indicated. Nordic,

Nipponese, Romanesque — the over-exuberant corpuscles pound incessantly upon the weary eardrums of comparatively rational beings. The air grows livid with the raucous saga of the blood-stream. Racial phobias and race hatred are taken for granted in many quarters. It was inevitable in lands that have substituted the inflated lunacy of Neitzsche for the sublime tenets of the Nazarene.

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Pure blood streams — pure bunk! The more you purify your blood by this fallacious sort of process, the more it stinks. The intolerable stench of it is in all men's nostrils to-day. The stench of arrogance, of ignorance masquerading as wisdom, of blundering stupidity, of callous indifference to the highest in humanity, of stark cruelty and damnable sadism. But what else can be expected from men who have exalted force and violence to a religion?

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Our own land is of course not exempt from folly. The world-vertigo reaches here too. But thank God it is not yet in the ascendancy. As yet it takes marijuana to induce such moods in America. And the "jitter-bugs" are an insignificant minority.

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Of course nothing can be more devastating than sanity if the word is narrowly interpreted. A cold, unimaginative, over-logical, literal-minded, self-centered prudence is perhaps worse than the wildest extravagance. "No great mind," said Aristotle, "is without a touch of madness." And Socrates ridicules an obtuse and pompous sanity. Is madness, then, the true goal of mankind? It all depends on the quality and aim of the obsession. If one sacrifices common sense on the altar of his own selfish desires, for selfish indulgence whether of the senses or of the intellect, he is surrendering to the evil in his nature. If on the other hand, he departs from all maxims of prudent counsel because some importunate dream of beauty, some high vision of eternal truth, has pre-empted his mind of all merely personal considerations; then he has made his poor hut a trailer to the sun and the stars. He has drunk deep of the water of Life! The first type of madness is diabolical, the latter is of the angels.

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It is all too clear to which type the dictatorships of our day belong. They are no longer at pains even to conceal their objectives. Consciously, deliberately, with cynical, cold-blooded obstinacy, they are pursuing their destructive and fiendish course. No consideration of humanity, of honor, of ethics, of fidelity to any code but that of the gangster, the fanatic and the buccaneer, can move them for a moment. They have taken counsel of the worst of teachers: of the mad Neitzsche, of Machiavelli, of Haeckel, and of all the preachers of materialism and barbarism. With frantic arrogance, they assail all the tenets of the intangible good. They would silence all tongues, whether of living men or of those that speak in the immortal literature of the ages, witnessing to the eternal values and to the unseen world. Their deeds speak for them: habitual mendacity, persistent intimidation, assault, arson, pillage, murder, blood-purges, pogroms, relentless deportations. A black and damning list!

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No doubt some sort of escape-mechanism — to employ the jargon of the Freudians — is needed to make our present world-dilemma of machine-made sanity tolerable. But if we are not to be driven into the abyss, it must be not an escape *from* reality, but an escape *into* reality. We must escape from the tyrannous "reality" of things into the eternal Reality of the spiritual world. Lloyd George, who has never been accused of being a sentimentalist, said not long ago, "For England it is either Christ or chaos." Yes, let us dare to affirm it. For America, as for the world, it is Jesus or the jungle!

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The Jesus, I mean, that even the churches, with their involved theologies and sterile formalism, have obscured and almost obliterated. The divine Man whose vibrant, essential message of human brotherhood and the all-fatherhood of God is also, in effect, that of every great and wise spirit that ever took flesh, from Confucius to Gandhi, whether in Palestine or India or America — the mighty gospel of service of love and of joy. And if anyone imagines for a moment that high moral commitments presuppose a spineless pacificism, let him but call to mind Joan of Arc or Stonewall Jackson or Sergeant York.

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Yes, it will be either the tom-toms of this new, monstrous, machine-weaponed savagery; or the majestic organ-tones of an upward marching humanity. We must certainly choose — and we must choose without delay.

HARRY W. BUGBEE.

Highgate Center, Vt.

A LETTER TO ANY YD MAN FROM ANY FAMILY IN THE OLD BILLET AREAS IN FRANCE

As a matter of fact, the following letter was received by EDWARD P. FITZGERALD of Waterbury, Conn. He and FRED ROWE, the Treasurer of Waterbury Chapter, were quartered for a few weeks in the little village of Rouvres-la-Chetives, in France, near Domremy. The letter is from Henrietta Lassaux; the "Louis" mentioned is Louis Paulon, known to ROWE and FITZGERALD, who have kept up a correspondence through the years. Rouvres-la-Chetives is only 45 miles from the Maginot line.

But to all of us, it might well be a letter from any one of a hundred of our friends of those days. The Waterbury *Republican* thought it of sufficient interest to reprint it in full. DOINGS believes its readers will be absorbed by it. It tells of the terror-fraught hours of this last September.

The letter:

I am going to try in this letter to give you some idea of the hours of fear and anguish that we are living through. As you know for some time there have been rumors of war. They had called up some of the young soldiers to reinforce the Maginot line but everyone hoped all the while that the affair between Germany and Czechoslovakia would blow over. We knew that Mr. Chamberlain had left by plane from England to have a conference with Hitler and men who appeared to be well informed told us the case was as good as settled. We are reassured, therefore and the people in Rouvres began to prepare for the autumn celebration, which is, as I have already told you, the 23d of September. But, alas, on Friday, the 23d in the evening, our radio announced that Chamberlain had left the Fuehrer without achieving his purpose and had gone back to England. And that night we went to bed in a state of great anxiety.

The next morning we went about our work in low spirits, then all at once in the street someone called, "Here are the gendarmes who are posting the notices calling all men to the colors who have the numbers 2 or 3 on their military registration." Believe me, it seemed to me as though my blood froze in my veins. Immediately I set about to find out whose cards bore the number 2 or 3. Jean, my husband, had 6, so he was safe for the time being, but Louis, Yvonne's husband, and my brother, was called and he left at once with 30 other men from Rouvres, nearly half the adult males. We all gathered at Louis' house helping him get ready a few provisions and some clothes. At 2 o'clock, those who had autos went with their less fortunate comrades to the railroad station at Chatenois, where they entrained for the front. Poor Rouvres — sad Rouvres! The little ones, torn with sobs, wives and children crying together, even the men had tears in their eyes.

Gaiety Ended

On the little green in front of the school a carnival had established itself for the harvest festival. Now the booths closed up and the tents came down; in place of joy and a good time, we had tears and anxiety. On the days which followed, we were not able to eat or sleep, always eager for the latest news, fearfully awaiting the call that would take away the remaining men.

Everything is ready for their departure, their luggage is packed; each morning we say to ourselves, "It will come today." At night we lie down expecting to be awakened before morning by the fateful call. But Sunday has passed, Monday has passed, and Tuesday, and the call has not come. On Tuesday they requisitioned the horses and wagons. There again, Louis was hit. His biggest horse has been taken. Jinette cries for her papa and now she is also lamenting the loss of Bobbie (the horse).

Munich Confab

Odette and Jacqueline are crying and we, the mothers, try to conceal our anxiety from them without much success. However, we are carrying on with the harvesting while Jean, my husband, is still here. We hurry ourselves with our one horse, doing Louis' chores and our own; we try to keep up our courage. And now on Thursday evening, our radio once again gives us a little hope; it has announced the gathering at Munich of the French, English, Italian, and German representatives. We are sitting up late hoping to get news from that conference, but it is only on Friday morning at 6 o'clock that we learn of the Munich accord. We ran about to all our neighbors, announcing the glad news, from one end of Rouvres to the other it spreads; all faces are lighted up with smiles; we laugh, we are happy; at last we can eat without having the throat tighten up, and this is the first night we have been able to sleep. Each day now

the news is good. We hope that Louis will be coming back this week, since Germany began to de-mobilize Tuesday, and France 48 hours later.

Louis writes that he is sleeping under a shed and that they have nothing to eat. The ration system is not organized; we are hoping that he does not fall ill before he gets back home. There are so many soldiers gathered in the same place that they can not even find food to buy any longer. If war had come, all these men who are now in the Maginot line, where would they be — in the human boiling pot. We do not dare think of it — we remember too well the days of 1917 and 1918. You undoubtedly know what a grand reception Messrs. Chamberlain and Daladier got on their return. Please do not forget to send us the pictures of these events which *The New York Times* will undoubtedly carry.

Germans Happy Too

The German women, all the German people, have acclaimed the words of peace. During this terrible week, I have not had the strength to write you. I know that you are thinking about us, for you know what war is.

They tell us now on the radio that the wagons and horses that were requisitioned are to be returned to their owners. We shall do all we can to get back Bobbie, the horse, then everything will be in order and the little angels will cry no more. It all seems like a bad dream. We are hoping to see you next year. I am afraid that when Louis comes back, we shall be obliged to break open the champagne which was being saved for you. Do your best to translate this letter. I want you to understand the anxiety and dread that we have gone through. We learned that Mr. Roosevelt had sent messages to Mr. Hitler and that these messages contributed also toward the peace. From the bottom of our heart, we thank those who saved us from the catastrophe and our Lord for His blessings. When Louis returns, I shall write you again. Au revoir, my friend, let us hear from you, and guard well your health.

A DEVICE WHEREBY YOUR CHAPTER MAY REACH ITS QUOTA

On September 18, the National Executive Committee voted to reduce the National dues for the balance of the year (to April 1, 1939) to $1.00, provided that the $1.00 was accompanied by a remittance of $2.00 additional, prepaying the dues for the advance year (to April 1, 1940); — the plan to become effective Nov. 1.

On November 25, the Board of Governors of the YD Club of Boston (Boston Chapter, Y.D.V.A.) requested the National Treasurer to accept the dues of its 125 last year's delinquent members at a rate of $1.00 each — *To Be Paid for by the Chapter Itself — without* the prepayment of next year's dues; if accepted the same privilege to be granted to any and all chapters.

The Treasurer felt he had no authority to accept this offer without a vote of the full Executive Committee. Ninety-four ballots on this question were sent — with a letter of explanation — to the 94 members of the National Executive Committee, including every National officer, every chapter commander, and every Past National Commander. The date of December 3 was set as the dead-line for counting the ballots.

DOINGS announces that up to December 3, 62 ballots were received. 55 voted in favor of allowing this scheme to go into effect; 7 against it.

Thus the field is clear for any Chapter of the Association which has a fairly substantial balance in its treasury to boost its membership substantially nearer its quota by paying the $1.00 dues for the rest of this year of its delinquents, or such of them as it feels are worthwhile. Boston, in doing this, is sending a letter of kindly greetings and a request that if the non-payment has been due to neglect, the member's dues will be cheerfully received. It expects to get back all of the money turned over to the Y.D.V.A.

Other chapters are urged to do likewise, making the amount of national dues $2.00 from the members. Thus, if only one half of them pay, the chapter will be fully reimbursed for the $1.00 each turned over to national headquarters.

Also, this device does not duplicate the failing of the scheme in operation four or five years ago of a straight cut to $1.00 without any strings. That failing was that some men purposely used to wait until Fall to pay their dues, so as to get in again at half-price. This privilege is not offered. The only cases where $1.00 will be accepted for the balance of this year are:

1. Accompanied by $2.00 for next year's dues, as voted on September 18.

2. If paid BY THE CHAPTER from its own funds.

3. If paid by a contribution to help a man unable to pay his own dues.

4. If paid by the individual member TO THE CHAPTER, and approved by the Chapter on the grounds that the member's tardiness is due to inability — not neglect.

5. In no case will it apply to NEW members (i.e. men who were not members on March 31, 1938.) They must still pay the advance year to get the balance of this year for $1.00.

HARTFORD YDVA NATIONAL CONVENTION, INC.
JUNE 22, 23, 24 and 25, 1939

The Hartford Y.D.V.A. National Convention, Incorporated, has hit the wide open spaces. A meeting was held November 15th at the home of BENJAMIN A. BOURN, general chairman. At this meeting that went far into the morning, officers, directors and chairmen of the various committees were appointed.

The list of officers and directors of the corporation with chairmen of the sub-committees are as follows: President, CHARLES D. PERRY; Vice President, WILLIAM L. SULLIVAN; Secretary, WALLACE H. GLADWIN; Assistant Secretary, DONALD L. FORBES; Treasurer, J. CARL SHULTHIESS; Judge Advocate, VINE R. PARMELEE; General Chairman of the convention, BENJAMIN A. BOURN; Vice Chairmen, JOHN M. FAY, HARRY GOODMAN, HARRY ROBERTSON, JOSEPH P. FOLEY, and WILSON S. FALLS. Members of the board of directors, JOHN J. COSTELLO, JOHN J. GOSS, WILLIAM T. E. BARBER, HAROLD ELLINGWOOD, EDWARD A. STILLMAN, PAUL CARAVATT, CECIL HEDGES, EDGAR F. MILLER and JOHN C. CARTER.

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The committee meets every Tuesday night at the State Armory and will continue to meet weekly until the gong strikes on June 22nd.

Following the Christmas holidays the committee will do squads right and left and will visit your chapter to tell you about this grand affair that is awaiting you. The first thing to do is register with HARRY ROBERTSON. Chapters should organize their convention committee early and reserve rooms with "BILL" SULLIVAN, so that the bunch will all be together. Rates on hotel rooms will be at their regular rates, no increase, but must be made through the convention committee. Hotel rates will be announced later. Registration is Two ($2.00) dollars. Send along any ideas, desires or wants to the committee. The address is the Hartford Y.D.V.A. National Convention Committee, Inc., P. O. Box 1776, Hartford, Conn. The spirit of 1776 is being carried along by the 26th.

— J. J. G.

A RECEIPT — IN RHYME

Received the emblem, all K. O.
Thanks a lot, and here's your dough.
Hope to see them near and far;
One on every Y.D. car;
And may its glory never fade,
Till the last man leads the last parade.

— CLYDE MERRILL.

Pawtucket, R. I.

BELATED MENTION

Several years ago, AL RAND, Past Commander of Worcester Chapter, modestly handed your editor a little booklet, entitled "Varied Verse." The verses were written by AL and published in the interest of a drive for a Hospital Fund being made by Worcester Chapter.

Struck with the beauty of many of the verses, it was our intention at the time, not only to make mention of the booklet, but perhaps to reprint some of the lines. Somehow, something intervened and the thought was lost and forgotten.

An article praising the poems appearing in the *Worcester Sunday Telegram* has brought it to mind again. To give an idea of the scope of the field covered by the writer, one glances at the grouping of the verses in six general collections: Conceptions, Tender Thoughts, War Echoes, Pre-Philosophics, To the Children, Miscellanea. The mood varies, even as the titles suggest. DOINGS hopes to reprint several of these poems in future issues. This month we give our readers

THROUGH THE WHEAT

Hot from a burned sky a fierce sun was shining.
We had been waiting for death overlong.
Nerves were in tatters and bullets were whining.
Shells overhead sang a death-slumber song.
Rolling Bull Durham in dirt-crusted fingers,
(Fingers that shook from a death-fear gangrene)
We had been waiting through numberless hours,
Waiting for death, in a Belleau ravine.
We were to "Go ahead!"
"Going to attack," they said.
Waiting to die (little water — no food)
Butt after butt we smoke.
(Then — when the battle broke —)
Combat formation we pass from the wood.

Look at this wheat field all golden before us.
Belleau's the town getting shelled on our right.
Hope that the Heinie machine-guns ignore us!
Someone is going to get hurt in this fight.
Ripe is the grain as we trample it under.
Good-bye to Belleau and dead-body smells.
Now in the sky is the mutter of thunder —
Hell breaks about us in crashing of shells.
There goes the second squad,
Hell-bent, or gone to God,
Bloody limbs, torsos, some stray hands and feet
Lying grotesquely there.
Dirt-clad or bloody-bare,
Scattered like hamburg, about in the wheat.

Why does the grain seem to quiver, to shiver?
What is that pattering sound, as of rain?
Bullets are whispering hither and thither,
Searching for ankles and thighs, in the grain.
When a shot gets them, and trips them, and tips them,
Down they go sprawling, so much bleeding meat,
Punctured by bullets that tear them and rip them.
Tatter them, spatter them, there in the wheat.
Onward then, ye who live,
Ye who have lives to give,
Struggle then, onward, and conquer defeat.
On though your bodies bleed,
Sons of the eagle-breed,
While Boche machine-guns sweep death through the wheat.

Over the field and into the gully,
Up a steep banking, then up a green slope.
Bayonets gleamed, but the Teutonic belly
Soils them with gum like a red-rusted soap.
Mouths are like glue and our legs seem to dangle
When at the railroad we halt, by design.
Dig in! The line's in a hell of a tangle,
But we have won — we have broken their line.
Terror-dumb, here we lie.
Who will be next to die?
Will we advance now or will we retreat?
While we entrench again,
Shells, each a hurricane,
Shriek down to mangle our dead in the wheat.

Out to the westward the daylight is dying.
Down lowers the night sky to blanket the day.
Out to the westward soft breezes are sighing,
Weeping for shades they are bearing away.
Over the wheat rise invisible shadows,
Quitting poor bodies struck down by the blight.
Mothers at home, can you see from your windows,
Something astir in the soul of the night?
Hear you the feeble moans,
Mutterings, muted groans,
Telling of wounded who have not been found,
Dying, at every breath,
Pleading for hurried death,
Panting their tortured lives out on the ground?

Softly the sun o'er a sweet land is streaming.
Sweet is the breeze with the scent of the rose.
Here sounds no martial note, no steel is gleaming,
Where bones of battle-dead lie in repose.
Seasons have brought us their drabness, or glory,
Time marches on to our long, last "Retreat."
History now is forgetting the story,
How we once walked, close to death, through the wheat.
Yet, though the tale may die,
Somewhere, sometime on high,
All the old overseas-buddies will meet.
Gathered at Heav'n's canteen,
They will recall the scene,
Where the machine-guns swept death through the wheat.

— ALPHONSO RAND.

THE DRIVE FOR MEMBERS

DOINGS regrets that it has to report that the drive for 5000 members by March 31, 1939 has bogged down badly since the last issue was published. It is disappointing to contemplate that perhaps the goal will not be reached.

The prestige of the Association is bound to suffer if it fails in an announced objective. Last year it announced that $3000.00 had to be raised — over and above dues — to pay off all external and internal indebtedness. It succeeded! Almost from the beginning it was evident that success would be achieved. There are no such indications this year in the drive for 5000 members. Despite the fact that dues for the balance of the year have been reduced to $1.00, provided a man pays his full next year's dues at the same time, the increase has been very slow.

At meetings, here, there and every place, reports are rendered that we are *going* to reach our quota *soon*," and then a month or so passes by and nothing happens. A number of chapters have practically reached their ultimate membership — there are virtually no more prospects to go after. But the number of such chapters is few. On the other side of the picture, there are large centers of YD population with either very small chapters or none at all.

Holyoke should have 75 members, it has 10; Springfield should have not less than 100 at a minimum, it has 55; Lowell ought easily to have 200, it has 44; 75 to 100 is not an excessive quota for Lawrence, it has no chapter at all and about 8 or 9 members-at-large. The quotas mentioned here are not the assigned quotas, as some consideration has been given to the difficulties to be overcome.

The same is true in other states, although the glaring discrepancies are not as great as in Massachusetts.

The national officers of the Y.D.V.A. do not cast the whole blame upon the local chapter officers or men. It is more than possible that the vital spark which makes some chapter ignite and blaze has never been discovered in these places; and if so, it is as much the fault of the national and state organization as the local.

The thought has occurred to some of us that perhaps the reason why it is so hard to get members in some cities is that the "sales talk" is shy on facts. You can't bludgeon a man out of $2.00 or $3.00 just by telling him, "we want a larger chapter; we want you to join it." He wants to know *why* he should join. What is the incentive? What will he get out of it? And if the local chapter has nothing to offer outside of a membership card, you can't blame the man for lack of enthusiasm. Any man who joins any chapter of the Y.D.V.A. is entitled to expect certain returns. These naturally fall into two classes: what he gets out of the National organization; and what he gets out of his local chapter. We can list what he DOES get from the National Association, and what he SHOULD get from his Chapter if it is properly conducted.

From the National Organization:

1. YANKEE DOINGS with its news of YD men all over the country — men he used to eat and sleep with and suffer common hardships.

2. The services of the headquarters office, ever ready to extend itself to answer any questions, try to locate former friends and acquaintances, and perform the thousand and one labors

of love it is called upon to perform every day of every week.

3. Membership in an organization which stands for something. For perpetuation not only of the memories of wartime days, but the ideals of service to community, state and country which actuated us twenty years ago, and are as necessary to-day as then.

4. The services of a trained National Service Officer, ever ready, either by mail or in person, to assist any member with advice on matters of compensation, hospitalization, or employment.

5. The Annual Convention each summer, where in a spirit of fun and reminiscence, there comes the opportunity to meet old friends and enjoy that comradeship which every one of us feels but few of us can put into words.

From His Local Chapter:

1. A new social interest which can become as great as the activities of the chapter make it. Really that one item sums up all. Activities can be engaged in so many fields of endeavor: mutual helpfulness in sickness, in business, in neighborliness; co-operation with civic enterprises of benefit to the whole community; purely social affairs for the sake of a good time; patriotic exercises on national holidays and at other times, in which pride of the YD may be shown by participation in large numbers.

From years of experience your Secretary can say that men belong to the YD Veterans Association for one of two reasons, either for what it means to them as a National organization; or for what they get out of their Chapter affiliation; or a combination of the two.

We know fellows who never look at YANKEE DOINGS but who are among the hardest workers in their chapter — always at the forefront in making any local affair a success. We know others who pay their dues year after year *just to get* YANKEE DOINGS, and never go near a chapter meeting — perhaps even live where there is no chapter.

The point is that the national outfit is attempting to perform its duty to the best of its ability. But for a great many prospective members, this is not enough. They want the local touch: they want a night or two a month where they can participate in some lively and worthwhile goings-on. Chapters which are providing this are succeeding: others are failing.

In trying to reach your quota, emphasize what you GIVE the member, not that you simply WANT him as a member. And then GIVE him what you promise.

The increase in membership since the last printing of YANKEE DOINGS has been so slight that the regular tables will not be printed here; merely the increases noted.

	Nov. 1	Dec. 1	Increase
Dep't. of Maine	119	124	5
Dep't. of N. H.	256	282	26
Dep't. of Vt.	105	108	3
Dep't. of Mass.	1334	1382	48
Dep't. of R. I.	241	262	21
Dep't. of Conn.	868	907	39
Dep't. of U. S.	506	516	10
	3429	3581	152

At this rate of increase, it will take 11 months to reach the 5000, even provided that all old members renew on April 1.

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER SAYS

I am enclosing my vote on the question involved and hope the majority are in favor also.

N.B. See article "A Device Whereby Your Chapter May Reach Its Quota."

At first blush I was against such action. I am opposed to letting the faithful carry the load for those who, in the majority of cases, haven't enough interest in those who are devoting unlimited time and effort, to even draw a check and mail it.

But after further consideration, I came to the conclusion that it would be a fine gesture to those who are really unable to pay; and the Y.D.V.A. should always act in that spirit. We are definitely not a mercenary organization. Further it would serve as a gentle reprimand to those who can afford it but merely procrastinate.

And very important is the fact that it will materially assist us in reaching our 5,000 objective, and we surely must succeed in this.

We have reached the 20-year mark and are ready to go down the other side of the hill. The next 20 years will mean more to us as YD veterans, in my opinion, than those just past. Many of us have been active in various other veterans' organizations and some, actually a great many, have held important posts in them. But don't most of us want to settle down to the comradeship of the one group where the only

language spoken is YD? Where we can reminisce as only YD men can, when they meet and where our activities will be for the benefit of our own buddies and for our own Y.D.V.A. All this without interfering with those who still have an interest in other organizations.

It is for that reason that I feel that if we reach our 5,000 this year we will have established our organization on a basis that will guarantee the future.

I liked the notice that the inimitable Joe Abair sent out this month, copy of which you probably got, but which I enclose. One paragraph sums up the activity of his chapter in the short period they have been organized. Every YD community could have as active a chapter, with the same kind of leadership as they have in Montpelier.

As this issue will probably reach you just before the holiday season, it is with warmth of heart in memory of the old wartime comradeships that I wish each and every member a very Merry Christmas and a most prosperous and Happy New Year.

— Ed Miller.

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER'S BULLETIN

By Frank W. Coppinger

Bulletin No. 5 in Instructions of Benefits to Be Obtained through Government Agencies

NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION

This government agency seeks to aid young people in the four spheres of life in which their needs are greatest, namely: *Education,* whereby needy high-school, college and graduate students are enabled to continue in school; *Employment,* for out-of-school youths on work projects; *Vocational Guidance* for those seeking jobs, and *Recreation* or the profitable use of leisure time.

Following is information for elementary and high school students desiring to make application under the *School Aid Program* —

Type of Aid Available

(1) The National Youth Administration makes funds available for payment to needy students in high schools and elementary schools for part-time work during the school year. The types of work to be performed and the selection of students to receive aid, within certain limitations prescribed by the NYA, are responsibilities of authorities of the schools participating in the Program.

(2) Under this Program, students may earn an amount not to exceed $6.00 a month while in regular attendance during the school year. The actual amount within this maximum which individual students may earn, as well as the hourly rates of pay, are determined by the school authorities.

(3) The National Youth Administration does not provide funds for scholarships or loans.

Institutions which are Eligible to Participate

(1) All institutions of less than college grade, both publicly and privately controlled (including parochial schools), are eligible to participate in the Program, provided they are non-profit making in character and tax-exempt.

(2) If you are not sure that the institution you wish to attend comes under this classification, consult the public school superintendent in the county, city or school district in which you reside.

Students Who are Eligible to Participate in the Program

(1) Employment under the School Aid Program may be provided only to students of good character who need such employment in order to enter and/or to remain in school. The need of students is to be determined by the school authorities in consultation with outside agencies if necessary.

(2) Students must have reached their sixteenth birthday, but are ineligible after attaining their twenty-fifth birthday.

(3) Students must maintain a satisfactory standing in at least three-fourths of their scholastic work.

(4) Students attending night schools and part-time schools are eligible to receive school aid, provided they carry at least three-fourths of the courses normally carried by regular day students.

(5) School Aid is not extended to students attending Summer School.

How to Make Application

If you desire employment on the School Aid Program of the NYA, you should make application directly to the principal of the school which you wish to attend, on a form "Student Application-School Aid," which will be provided by the school.

Information for college and graduate students desiring to make application for employment under the College and Graduate Aid Program of the National Youth Administration.

Type of Aid Available

(1) The NYA makes funds available for payment to needy college and graduate students in regular attendance in institutions of collegiate and university standing for part-time work during the academic year. The types of work to be performed and the selection of students to receive aid, within certain limitations prescribed by the NYA, are responsibilities of the authorities of the institution participating in the Program.

(2) Under the Program earnings of students in institutions of collegiate standing may not exceed an average of $15. per student per month. The maximum which may be paid to an undergraduate student in any one month is twenty dollars.

(3) The earnings of graduate students in institutions of university standing may not exceed an average of $30. per student per month. The maximum which may be paid to a graduate student in any one month is $40.

(4) The actual amount which individual students may earn, within the maximum specified above, as well as the hourly rates of pay, are determined by the college and university authorities.

(5) The National Youth Administration does not provide funds for scholarships or loans.

Institutions Which are Eligible to Participate

(1) For college students, all institutions of collegiate grade, both publicly and privately controlled, are eligible to participate in the program, provided they are non-profit making in character and tax-exempt, and are bona fide educational institutions.

(2) For graduate students, all institutions (both publicly and privately controlled) of a university character, which offer work beyond the Bachelor's Degree, are eligible to participate in the program, provided they are non-profit making in character and tax-exempt, and are bona fide educational institutions.

(3) If you are not sure that the institution you wish to attend is eligible, consult the head of the institution.

(To be continued next month)

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE PROVIDENCE YD NATIONAL CONVENTION, INC.

On November 30, the Providence YD Convention Corp. applied to the Rhode Island Superior Court for dissolution of the temporary incorporation, having completed all business.

The financial report of the corporation is as follows:

Statement of Income

Donations:	
State of Rhode Island	$ 4,865.77
City of Providence	786.55
Narragansett Racing Assoc.	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	165.00
Total Donations	$ 7,817.32
Advertising	2,932.50
Registrations	2,508.84
Concessions	15.87
Total other Income	$ 5,457.21
GROSS INCOME	$13,274.53

Statement of Expense

Administrative Expense	$ 851.45
Program	1,942.81
Parade	2,904.70
Military Ball, All-Star Show	1,433.75
Commissions, Labor	46.00
Dedication	204.30
Entertainment and Receptions	474.47
Decorations	150.00
Miscellaneous Expense	15.93
Executive Secretary's Petty Cash	228.00
Traveling Expense	62.28
Badges	633.99
Donations, Contracts, etc.	3,766.85
Total Expense	$12,714.53
NET INCOME	$ 560.00

LAWRENCE H. COOK, President.
HOWARD W. HUNT, Executive Secretary.
JERRY D. O'LEARY, Gen. Chairman.

IRON BATTALION OF 101st INFANTRY HONORS FATHER BOUCHER

The Second (Iron) Battalion of the 101st Inf., A.E.F., celebrated its Annual Military Mass at the parish of St. James, Boston, Sunday, November 13, 1938; the Rev. Father OSIAS BOUCHER, the battalion war time chaplain officiating.

The arrangements for this annual service of the battalion were in the very capable hands of the members of "H'er Comp.", 101st Inf.: JIM POWERS, Chairman; CHARLES BARTER, Minister of Finance; JIM FEELEY, Marshal; JACK SHIELDS, tickets. They were assisted by a number of other members of "H'er Comp."

A short parade, marching from Arlington and Newbury Streets to St. James Church on Harrison Ave., preceding the Mass, was led by JIM FEELEY and his staff of invited guests, followed by the escort of National Guardsmen from H Co., 101st Inf., M.N.G., and units from the 181st Inf., M.N.G. The escort was accompanied by the bands of the Harris Post, A.L., one of the finest in the State. The surviving members of the battalion and their friends were escorted by the YD Jr. Drum Corps.

Following the Mass the veterans were escorted to the Hotel Touraine where a luncheon was served.

During the lunch music was furnished and several friends of the battalion rendered songs, notably WINN DOYLE of the So. Postal Annex, singing several encores in a strong and melodious bass voice, and our own AL PACIFICI, who was in perfect voice as always.

Among the invited guests were Gen. FOLEY, wartime commander of G Co., 101st Inf.; Major BARRY, wartime battalion commander, 2nd Batt.; Mayor HANSON, wartime lieutenant, F Co., 101st Inf.; the Mayors of Fall River and Medford, each asking for the battalion to bring the annual services to their respective cities within the next few years; Major Sullivan 2nd Div., A.E.F., representing Gov. Hurley; V.C. GRANT, Dep't. Mass. the A.L. (formerly 104th Inf. A.E.F.); V.C. Jim McManus, Dep't. Mass. A.L.; Wm. O'Hare, Sup't. of Mails, Boston Postal District; Susan P. Esler, Dep't. Mass. A.L. Aux.; Captain O'BRIEN, former commander E Co., the wartime battalion; LEON MAYER, Private, F Co., the old battalion.

Each of the guests paid their respects to our chaplain the Rev. Father BOUCHER.

Major BARRY told of a few incidents of the men of his old battalion, followed by Mayor HANSON asking the battalion to come to Waltham next November and hold their annual Military Mass at St. Charles that city. Major Sullivan brought the best wishes of Gov. Hurley. Capt. O'BRIEN, after wishing Father BOUCHER many happy and prosperous years, quoted the three maxims of a good speaker, "get up, take a bow, sit down!" which he did. Bill O'Hare, the Sup't. of Mails, a friend of many men of the old "Iron Battalion" who work with him at the So. Postal Annex, very ably recited the beautiful "In Flanders Field" by McRae.

The chap at the head table who allowed the speakers but two minutes was TOMMY BARRY of H'er Comp. and, gentlemen, he was the perfect Master of Ceremonies.

The last speaker was our beloved chaplain. He told of numerous incidents of his association with the battalion and warned us not to forget that our work must be carried on without fail, that the memory of our comrades must never dim so long as there is a man of the battalion surviving.

Throughout the regimental histories of the 26th Div., A.E.F., we read of the love between the boys of the old "YD" and their chaplains. This love is not love alone but genuine respect for the men of the cloth who with us faced constant death and horrible mutilation, many of whom have died since the war because of their unfailing desire to serve us.

These men of Christ bolstered our morale, fought for us at every turn against the at-times too rigid hand of military discipline, and shared our beds of mud and lice. Never once did they quail in fear, never once did they fail us when we needed them most, whether for money or for consolation.

This histories of the YD are alive with the service rendered to the American people by these valiant "men without arms."

— J. H. SMITH, F Co., 101st Inf.

COLONEL HUME APPOINTED

Col. FRANK M. HUME, former C.O. of the 103rd Infantry, of Houlton, Maine, has been appointed by Governor Barrows and council to be probation officer of Aroostook County, Congratulations, and the best of luck.

YD CLUB OF BOSTON MILITARY BALL

This is written just under the dead line. DOINGS copy all went to press on December 1. And after all, what can be told in print about such an affair as the YD Military Ball at the Copley Plaza on December 2?

The YD Club of Boston, YD men from other cities and other states, their ladies and numberless friends of the Division, the active military units, "took over" the beautiful hotel. According to the Boston *Herald*, the attendance numbered 1500. DOINGS thinks this may be a bit high, but not far off at that.

Next after the National Convention in the summer, this is the biggest YD event on the yearly calendar. And it isn't just newspaper exaggeration to state that this year's Ball was the biggest, and in every way the most colorful and best in all the series which have been held. It is actually true.

Never having trained as a society reporter, we are unable to give descriptions of the gowns worn by the ladies, but together with the uniforms of many hues, from the bright crimson and white of the Lynn Drill Team, the dark blue American Legion Uniform, the horizon-blue of the Y.D.V.A., the full dress of Army officers and Reserve officers with their gilt braid, the flag-hung balcony, they constituted a pageant of color and rhythm that made a series of beautiful pictures all evening long.

No, we won't try to tell what a joyful, merry hilarious time it was for everybody. We can't. Al Barnard, Ben James & Co. have done it again, and better each time! Rapidly the YD Ball is taking its place as one of the real big events in the Boston social season.

The crack drill platoon of the First Corps of Cadets conducted drill manoeuvres during intermission, concluding with a salute to the colors, during which all stood at attention as a bugle blew Taps in tribute to the departed men of the Division.

Among faces spotted, mentioned either because of high position in the military establishment, or because of coming long distances to attend: Gen. Charles H. Cole, Gen. Daniel Needham and Mrs. Needham; Commander Wilson of the YD Club of Boston and Mrs. Wilson; Commander Howard Hunt, Department of R. I., Y.D.V.A.; Laurence Cook, Nat. Historian, Y.D.V.A. and Mrs. Cook; Commander Gene Dugas, Department of New Hampshire, Y.D.V.A. and Mrs. Dugas; Past Department Commander Clyde Elliott and Mrs. Elliott; Past National Commanders Ray Doucette, Benjamin James and Miss James; Gardiner H. Hall and Mrs. Hall of Willimantic, Conn.; Commander Harry Block of Worcester and Mrs. Block; Secretary William McNulty of Nashua, N. H. Chapter. In addition were sizable delegations from Lynn, Worcester, Providence, and Manchester, N. H., and many other points. Undoubtedly many names as deserving of mention as the above should be included, but to try to remember every person one sees and meets, with over a thousand present, is a task beyond the ability of your reporter.

Just a word in closing in praise of the splendid music furnished by Jack Marshard's orchestra. Never lagging, never flagging, the musicians were as much responsible for the sustained atmosphere of pep and liveliness as any other single feature. And a final salute to Chairman Al Barnard and his committee, including the hard workers on "the door"; all of whom made the affair the almost unprecedented success it was.

BETTER FIRST IN WESSINGTON SPRINGS THAN SECOND IN ROME

DOINGS thanks its many well-wishers who wrote that they intended to try to get their local newspapers to reprint on Armistice Day the editorial appearing in the October issue. At least one succeeded: Carl Jensen of Lane, So. Dakota; and the article appeared in the Wessington Springs (So. Dakota) *Independent*.

In commenting on the article, the *Independent* said: "The article appearing on the front page of *"The Independent"* last week, entitled "Armistice Day Thoughts * * * and a Prayer" is a real sermon on Peace. No one reading it will ever again be misled by the thoughts of glory and glamor of war, but rather of its horrors. Fondly will they hope, and fervently will they pray, that this mighty scourge may soon vanish from the earth and that the prayer for to-morrow expressed in the last few lines may be realized without more needless loss of life in our country."

And Carl Jensen generously writes: "You know, those wonderful editorials deserve a wider publication, and occasionally I take the liberty of giving them to our local newspaper, the editor of which is an old 89th Division man. Hope you don't mind."

Mind? Hell no. DOINGS is glad of all the publicity it can get.

THE GUY IN THE GLASS

When you get what you want in your struggle for pelf,
And the world makes you King for a day,
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,
And see what that guy has to say.

For it isn't your Father, or Mother, or Wife,
Who judgment upon you must pass.
The feller whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the guy staring back from the glass.

He's the feller to please, never mind all the rest,
For he's with you clear up to the end,
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test
If the guy in the glass is your friend.

You may be like Jack Horner and "chisel" a plum.
And think you're a wonderful guy,
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years,
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears
If you've cheated the guy in the glass.

—— Dale Wimbrow.

MEETING OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The National Executive Committee of the Y. D. V. A. held a meeting in the Town Hall, Willimantic, Conn. on Sunday, November 13, with National Commander Miller in the Chair. Present were seven national officers (not including Department Commanders) from three different states; three Department Commanders; one Past National Commander; and from time to time at least a dozen Chapter Commanders.

Much of the important work done by this meeting is reported in separate items elsewhere in this issue: the granting of a charter to New London (Conn.) Chapter; the approval of an alternate uniform; the approval of a burial ritual and the printing of the National Constitution embodying this ritual; the adoption of the resolution urging changes in Civil Service regulations.

Much of the rest of the meeting was given over to routine business, reports of officers, departments, committees, approvals of bills, etc.

IN PENANCE AND CONTRITION

The editor of DOINGS has often been laughingly accused of printing all the good things said about the magazine; and sometimes in facetious vein of "ribbing" some of the individual members, but maintaining immunity himself.

For example, quoth a member — and frequenter — of the YD Club of Boston a few days ago, "It's all right for you to print in that d— magazine that *I* was tight on a trip we took a year or so ago; but how about *you* last Thursday night? I bet you won't have anything about *that* in there."

We'll take your bet, comrade, and furthermore, we'll leave your name out of it. We fear DOINGS caused you embarrassment on that now-historic occasion. But you *were* tight; and you *were* noisy, and you *were* a heluva pest! Yes, and so were we — all of those things, — on the recent Thursday night in question.

The occasion was — alas — the night of the monthly smoker at the YD Club. As evidence of his degree of tightness, your editor submits that he was told next day he had offered a comrade $5.00 for putting his car out of his reach in a nearby garage. (And try to get two bits out of him on ordinary occasions!)

To those who attended the smoker, our apologies; it was a dickens of a time to pick to "break out." But the main object of this is to show we can print — and are as willing to print — criticism of our own conduct as of anyone else's.

AN ALTERNATE UNIFORM ADOPTED

The National Executive Committee has approved an "alternate" uniform for members of the Y.D.V.A., who feel they do not wish to spend the price of the regular official uniform.

This will consist of the pants exactly the same as those of the full uniform (the stripe varying in color according to the state); white shirt, black tie and YD beret. The whole outfit will cost about $10.00, and will lend a uniformity to participants in YD parades, etc., which has been sadly lacking.

The details of the shirt are not ready for presentation. In all probability it will be what is known as a white "military" shirt, with shoulder straps (although no Sam Browne belt will be worn), for cuff and pocket buttons — the special YD buttons, and perhaps a small embroidered gold YD on the collar lapels.

The full, regulation uniform has not been done away with, and may still be purchased and

worn by those who wish to spend as much as $28.00 or so.

Incidentally, the same meeting of the Executive Committee which reached this decision also approved the YD beret as the official headgear of the Association. Contrary to general belief, this had never been done before, and Connecticut and Rhode Island were wearing the overseas hat when in uniform. Connecticut sponsored the change to the beret for everybody, and it was made official by action of the Executive Committee.

More on uniforms later.

DOINGS THANKS YOU, ONE AND ALL

From SAM BELSON (Hq. 26th Div.): "Your editorial in the October issue expresses the sentiment of right thinking people. It makes one feel proud to know that he is a part, if only a small part, of an organization that stands for humanity and decency."

From HOWARD H. POTTER, Augusta, Maine: "May I take this opportunity, belated it is true, to extend my felicitations on the editorial in the October issue of YANKEE DOINGS. It was a most timely message and masterfully written. Everyone I have shown it to, and they have been many, have commented favorably, and have echoed my own sentiments of regret that it could not have had a much wider circulation. The November editorial was only slightly, if any, less impressive. May you never suffer from writer's cramp."

From JOE TIVNAN, Secretary of Worcester Chapter: "In looking over the November issue, I enjoyed the article "Between Ourselves" regarding the pact of Munich and should like to pin a little personal bouquet on the editor's lapel. It would be a fitting editorial for the New York *Times*. To me it is thoroughly all-American and should be disseminated if for no other reason than to let it be known that YD men know what *should* be done to keep America safe for Americans."

From National Commander ED MILLER: "Commendation on 'What Does Munich Mean to America'. Some may disagree, but we know it is the truth."

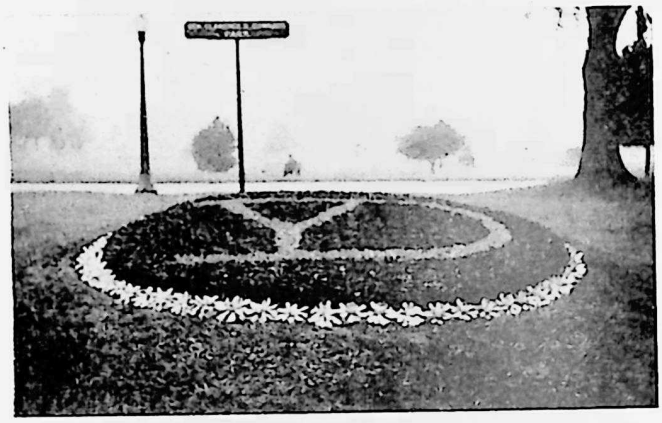
From RAYMOND J. QUEENIN, Washington, D. C.: "That October editorial was a wow. I sent copies to the American Legion Magazine and the Washington *Evening Star*. Why don't you have some of those put up in book form under some such title as "The Yankee Division Philosifer". (Damn the spelling.)

TWO GOLD YD RINGS AWARDED AS MEMBERSHIP PRIZES

The first two men since the Providence Convention to be awarded the gold YD ring for securing 25 or more NEW members are:

JOHN J. KELLY of Providence Chapter.
GEORGE MERRILL of Lynn Chapter.

PORTLAND — JUNE, 1937



Flower Bed in General Clarence R. Edwards Memorial Park, Portland, Me., as It Appeared During YD Convention in June, 1937.

MORE CONCERNING TRENCH FEVER VOLUNTEERS

Editor of Yankee Doings:

I find in "The Daily Diary of the 102nd Ambulance Co." Quote: "The following men were cited in orders for offering their lives and being accepted as Trench Fever Volunteers: HARRY A. WORLEY, VICTOR SCHAEFFER, ARNOLD WATKINS, WILLIAM J. MURPHY, HAROLD LUCAS, VERNON PECK, FREDERICK PILL, ALBERT F. NOREN. This Company had its full share of the Trench Fever Volunteers, for besides the eight men mentioned, the following original members of this Company, who had been transferred to other companies, were also volunteers: JOHN VASSELL, DAVID TURNER, JOHN A. LAMBERT, JOHN T. ELLIANO, HOWARD ETHERIDGE, J. J. O'CONNOR." (End of quotation.)

— "DICK" BARLOW.

Members will be interested to learn that at a meeting of the National Executive Committee on November 13, a motion was unanimously adopted to urge Cong. LAWRENCE J. CONNERY to do his utmost to revive and secure enactment of the bill filed by his late brother, Cong. WILLIAM P. CONNERY, for governmental recognition of these men.

NEW PRINTING OF BOOKLETS OF CONSTITUTION OF Y.D.V.A.

At about the time you receive this copy of DOINGS, the Y.D.V.A. will have ready for distribution, copies of the amended Constitution of the Association. All amendments adopted since the last printing have been incorporated.

In addition to the text of the Constitution, the booklet contains, as before, the ritual for the conduct of Chapter and Department meetings; the ritual for the installation of officers, and the ritual for the initiation of new members. This edition also carries the ritual for the burial of the dead, which had not been adopted at the time the previous edition was published, with a chart showing the location of the Chapter officers, firing squad, etc. at the grave.

One thousand copies are being printed. It was voted by the National Executive Committee that three free copies should be sent to every Chapter, one for the Commander, one for the Secretary or Sgt.-at-Arms, and one for the Chaplain; also one free copy to every National and State officer. Other copies will be mailed upon request at 10 cents per copy.

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DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: Raymond O. Torrey, 104 Royal Rd., Bangor, Me.

News from Maine is still mighty scarce. Looks like the missionary trip made by the National Commander in early October was a dud. None of us tenderfeet up this way would dare venture another trip down there at this time of year. We read they're rescuing marooned denizens by airplane and dog-sled! After all, anything written here is just so much space filling. With the exception of what appears below, there just ain't no news from Maine (although you'll find some under 103rd Infantry).

FARMINGTON

"Franklin County Chapter"
Commander: Gilbert Miller
16 Pleasant St., Farmington, Me.
Secretary: Rex W. Parsons
Box 684, Farmington, Me.

Franklin County Chapter is still alive. We held a meeting in June at Center Hill in Weld and had a very good turn-out of members and their wives and children. Another meeting was held in July at a cottage belonging to the family of ROBERT WHITE, on the shore of Varnum Pond in Temple, with a fair attendance; I believe six members and their families, making 20.

Since then we have tried to hold meetings, but something has interfered every time. On Thursday evening, November 3, a meeting was held at the home of Commander GILBERT MILLER with an attendance of nine members. It was voted to hold two beano games, during the winter, the first one early in January; also to try to establish the first Thursday of every month as the regular meeting night of the Chapter. It was suggested that the next one be held at the Mt. Abram House in Kingfield.

— R. W. P.

PORTLAND

Commander: Albert S. Worthen
140 High St., So. Portland, Me.

A letter from ELTON P. WALKER relates that two get-together meetings have been held in an attempt to reform a chapter in Portland, but that much hard work needs to be done to get a large number interested. He believes that after the holiday season with its demands for the spending of money is over, progress will be more rapid.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Eugene Dugas, 72 Elm St., Manchester, N. H.
Dep't. Secretary: Walter J. Boardman, 29 Manning St., Manchester, N. H.

The regular monthly state meeting of the Department of New Hampshire was held in Manchester on Wednesday evening, November 9, Dep't. Commander EUGENE DUGAS presiding. Fifty-three members were present: Nashua 12, Franklin 4, Manchester 26, Worcester, Mass. 1.

(Ed. Note: Who were the other 10, Walter?)

All chapters reported gains in membership. This meeting finally saw Manchester reach out and sign its 100th member, (standing December 1 — 103). MELLEN WILLETTE of Nashua won the attendance prize of a paid-up membership card to 1940. JOE DONNELLY of Manchester won the bottled-goods prize and LEON TARBELL of Manchester the consolation gift.

Nashua decided to invite the December meeting to their city; they, to decide the date.

— W. J. B.

DOINGS wishes the secretaries of the five chapters in New Hampshire would make it a point to send in at least a little news each month of their own local meetings. Here is Nashua, the furthest ABOVE its quota of any chapter in the United States, and four other chapters in the state; yet the only one we have news from is Manchester, and just now Triangle Chapter.

MANCHESTER
Commander: Eugene Dugas
72 Elm St., Manchester
Secretary: Walter J. Boardman
29 Manning St., Manchester

Manchester Chapter covered itself with glory on Armistice Day, and let it be known far and wide, when almost 100% of its membership turned out for the Armistice Day parade. The few who did not march with us were either with National Guard units or bands. Eighty-four men were in line representing the Chapter, including one from Franklin and one from Concord, and one Worcester, Mass. member.

PERCY BENTON of Portland, Me. brought down his famous "YD Seventy-Five," and was accompanied by the following comrades: BERT WORTHEN, HAROLD KEATING, ED SUTTON, DICK MOXCEY, and their wives, and Dick Moxcey, Jr.

Close to 500 members of veterans organizations throughout the state and their guests attended the annual Thanksgiving Night ball sponsored by Manchester chapter of the Yankee Division Veterans Association at the Cocoanut Grove ballroom last night.

During the grand march, which was led by Department Commander and Mrs. EUGENE DUGAS of Manchester, an impressive memorial service was conducted for deceased members of all veterans organizations and particularly for two members of the local chapter who died during the past year.

The grand march was supervised by LEON TARBELL and MARTIN J. LYONS of the local chapter.

Among others in the grand march were Lt. Col. and Mrs. FORREST DRURY, V.C. ARTHUR GILMORE, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. BENTON of Portland, Me., Mr. and Mrs. JOHN FEDOR of Concord, Mr. WILLIAM MCNULTY of Nashua, State Secretary and Mrs. WALTER BOARDMAN of Manchester, and representatives of many other local veteran organizations.

The chairmen of the several committees in charge were: General Chairman, Commander DUGAS. Reception, Dr. DRURY; Music, ARTHUR GILMORE; Tickets, LEON TARBELL; Decorations, JOHN TAYLOR; Memorial Service, JAMES CLARK; Publicity, WALTER BOARDMAN; Door, WILLIAM BROOKS, Box Office, ARMAND MONTMINY.

TRIANGLE CHAPTER
Lebanon—Claremont—Newport
Commander: Anthony Guarino
22 Summer St., Lebanon, N. H.
Secretary: Stillman F. Graves
Enfield, N. H.

Triangle Chapter is running a dance on New Year's Eve. We have not been very active for the last month or two; I have been extremely busy myself in my business. But we are now ready to start things going again. Our next meeting is in Newport on December 11 to make plans for the dance. We are in hopes of making some money, which we certainly could use.

— TONY GUARINO.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dep't. Commander: Arthur W. Smith, 34 No. Main St., Springfield, Vt.

I am back in the saddle again and expect to visit the chapters that have not seemed to get started this year. Went up to Rutland the night before Armistice to a well attended meeting and spent the following day there, having the pleasure of marching behind the Rutland YD colors along with the mayor and Commander ART FOOTE.

Expect to attend meetings of Brattleboro, Bellows Falls and Springfield Chapters in December. The boys in Brattleboro informed me that all was well with them but they never seem to get around to keeping YANKEE DOINGS informed. It is my honest belief that our chapters will prosper as the ability of their members to obtain steady work. Can assure the Na-

tional Commander that I will do my best to keep the chapters alive in this state though I do not expect to be able to attend many meetings of the National Executive Committee.

— ARTHUR W. SMITH,
Department Commander.

It has been called to YANKEE DOINGS attention by several of the chapter commanders in Vermont that some of their members seem to be members in name only, giving their real interest and hard work to other veterans organizations. The Y.D.V.A. has been remarkably successful in working in harmony and co-operation with all other veteran organizations. Each has its field, and each has something a little different from the other to offer the men who join. As Past National Commander Harry Colmery of the American Legion once said: "Any Legionnaire who belongs to his own Divisional association will be a better legionnaire than one who does not." On that theory the Y.D.V.A. has always acted: it has always urged men to belong to as many veterans organizations as they feel they care to and can. But the closest comradeship, the least friction, the greatest unanimity of aims, ideals and common memories will be found in the ranks of the Y.D.V.A. Yes, by all means belong to the other organizations. If you are elected or appointed to office or committees, work and perform the task well. But do not, in word, deed or thought, consider the Y.D.V.A. and some other outfit in competition with one another for your membership, your loyalty or your labors. Do not weigh one against the other and then decide either this way or that. We are not in competition. We want you in all. Especially we want you to remember that the YD, the days we spent together under General Edwards, are closest to our heart. In other affiliations you may reach high office and a measure of personal gratification, but when "the tumult and the shouting die," the friends of the old YD will be the dearest friends.

BRATTLEBORO

Commander: Joseph Fleming
11 Terrace St., Brattleboro, Vt.
Secretary: James H. Bastian
51 Main St., Brattleboro, Vt.

Had a meeting in Oct., the first since the Summer months, with a very good turn-out. Handled by the Sr. Vice Com. in the absence of the Commander who was out of town. Decided to raffle off the watch, pending since last June, on the night of Nov. 17th., the regular meeting night. A committee was appointed for Ways and Means, and they decided at this time to run a Turkey Raffle which is now on the fire. Several of the boys journeyed to Wilmington to attend the District Amer. Legion meeting, also to instill a little pep into some of the adjacent members over there. They seem to think that they want to start their own chapter and while we will help all we can it does seem as though it is sort of out of the question for them to start a Chapter with only 10 or 12 boys to draw from, and these scattered over three or four towns. But of course it is not for us to dictate. As I said we will help all we can and give them all the benefits we have. There are three or four, however, that I do believe we will have before long, especially with this new membership arrangement.

— J. H. BASTIAN, Sec.

RUTLAND

Commander: Arthur M. Foote,
Box 155, Center Rutland
Secretary: Raymond E. Collins
186 State St., Rutland

Held our November meeting the 10th in the Neighborhood Rooms with twenty-four members present.

We tried to make the meeting a little different after we had finished the small amount of business at hand by asking the question: "Where were you and What were you doing at Eleven A.M. on Nov 11, 1918.?"

Well, this did not go over so hot as nobody would talk. Finally PHIL RICH, out for the first time after an operation for appendicitis, opened up and then for an hour or so we had a swell time listening to the machine gunners belting it out. Yes, the 102nd and 103rd Inf. was represented; PAUL REGINBALD and myself representing Col. KEVILLE's Ammunition Train, figured no one would believe us, so we sat tight and listened.

At 10:45A.M. on Friday, Nov. 11th, the faithful began to gather at the Gen. EDWARDS Memorial in Main St. Park and at 10:55 sharp Commander FOOTE assisted by Vice Commander "Smoke" EDDY, commenced our Memorial service. As the Court House clock struck the hour of 11:00 A.M. forty YD men stood with bared heads for two minutes of silence in honor of our beloved commander and departed comrades.

Our service was held simultaneously with Rutland Post, American Legion, their service be-

ing held also in the Park at the Boulder containing the honor roll for the city of Rutland.

Following these services the Parade was formed and while no actual count was made, there were no less than forty-five members of the YD in the Parade. The YD veterans were led by the Mount St. Joseph's Band which is one of the best school bands in the state.

Our color bearers were "Muggs" DOOLAN and BILL WOODBURY, the guards were FLAVE ROUSSEAU and FRANK SHEDD, — four of the huskiest we have in the Chapter (except our Treasurer CHARLES REED and Charlie keeps busy looking after our fund, so we just couldn't burden him with the extra duty of being color guard.)

Our next meeting will be held Dec. 8th at the Neighborhood Rooms. Committee in charge: MAURICE DOOLAN, EDWARD J. PERRY and HAROLD TIMBERS.

— RAY COLLINS.

MONTPELIER-BARRE
"Washington County Chapter"

Commander: Joseph G. Abair
8 Hubbard St., Montpelier
Secretary: Ralph A. Lawliss
51 Elm St., Barre

With the deepest of admiration for JOE ABAIR (than whom there is no finer, more loyal YD worker), it is one devil of a job to piece out a news column from the meeting notices, letters, newspaper clippings, and extraneous ABAIR quips and anecdotes he sends in. We'll try.

Joe writes under date of November 6: "Have been home sick in bed six days and a hell of a time to be sick such nice weather. Have been working nights to get caught up again. The Old-Fashioned Dance on October 21 at the Community Hall, Montpelier, went over big again, and we made more than enough to pay for our picnic. Best of all, we are making a name for ourselves, with people here from miles around, some that never knew of the 26th Division."

Exhibit B — a clipping from the Montpelier *Argus*. Not a verbatim reprint here. It seems 67 fliers of the Good Will Tour, sponsored to demonstrate the progress of private aviation, and consisting of private planes piloted by sportsmen with a few commercial flyers, landed at the Montpelier-Barre airport on the day of the above mentioned dance contest. (JOE ABAIR never overlooks a bet.) The flyers were guests at the dance (referred to by the paper as a jitter-bug contest).

Exhibit C — Back to Joe's letter. "They had a h — of a good time and will spread the news about this chapter wherever they go."

Exhibit D — Copy of a notice of Armistice Day observance sent to members. "Special orders for all who can walk. We parade in Montpelier at 9:15 A.M. After the parade we move to Barre (it is only four miles) to take part in their parade. If possible would like to have the gang go to Waterbury for their parade at 2:15 P.M."

Exhibit E — Notice of other future events. A dance in Barre, Friday Night, Armistice Eve.; one in Montpelier, Armistice Night. Next regular meeting to be in Northfield, November 29.

Exhibit F — Notice to members under date of November 23. "The following now have YD uniforms: JOE ABAIR, ABE SMITH, JIM DEBONA, EDDIE MEE, ERNIE LAFAYETTE, JOHN MACDONALD, PAUL PARIESO, AMBRO MCMANUS. The following have been ordered: "CACK" FOSTER, FRANK PAUL, AL PICHETTE. That makes an even dozen; now let's make it 25. Arrangements are in the making for meetings this winter in Waterbury, St. Albans, Burlington and St. Johnsbury. At the meeting in Northfield on November 23, Major Charles N. Barber of Norwich University will be our guest.

This particular notice contains the paragraph referred to by National Commander ED MILLER. (See "The National Commander Says").

When you stop to think of it, we have only been going a little over a year and see what we have accomplished. We have staged three of the most successful dances in years, made a name for our Chapter with the public, purchased twelve uniforms at an outlay of $360.00. And best of all, formed a comradeship that one cannot find in any other organization.—JOE ABAIR.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Edwin J. Noyes 2 Walnut St., Worcester, Mass.
Dep't. Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The monthly state meeting of the Department of Massachusetts was held in the Elks Home, Fitchburg, on Sunday afternoon, November 6.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer APPLEBY re-

ported a balance of $301.24 in the Department treasury, largely the result of the liquor drawing held the preceding month.

All Department officers were present.

Delegations were present from the following Chapters: Haverhill 4, Marlboro 2, Worcester 11, Danvers 5, Salem 6, Beverly 2, Fitchburg 26, Boston 6, Lynn 6, Webster-Dudley 2. Absent were: Attleboro, Brockton, Clinton, Holyoke, Lawrence, Lowell, Milford, New Bedford, Northampton, and Springfield.

Mayor AL WOOLACOTT of Fitchburg, a member of the Chapter gave a short address of welcome.

Commander NOYES pinned on V.C. HARRY SHERMAN's coat the Past Chapter Commander's medal for Marlboro Chapter. He also appointed V.C. SHERMAN as Chairman of a "Cyclone Detail" to contact Maynard, Hudson, Stowe, and other towns near Marlboro.

Membership Chairman CLYDE ELLIOTT reported that he had interested a number of men in Concord, Mass., and had also talked with men in Lawrence, Lowell, Natick and Framingham.

The following National Officers were guests at the meeting, and each spoke on the good of the Association: National Commander ED MILLER, National Sgt.-at-Arms HARRY ROBERTSON, National Secretary PHIL SANBORN.

A resolution introduced by legislative chairman LEANDER CASWELL of Haverhill, which sought to make eligible for pensions widows of ALL deceased veterans, after spirited debate, was tabled until the next meeting.

The newly appointed publicity committee-of-one, P.N.C. RAY DOUCETTE, reported that publicity concerning the meeting had appeared in the papers in Boston and elsewhere in the state; that he had sent copy to papers in Boston, Worcester and Lynn.

Others who addressed the meeting included Chairman of the City Council BILL MCBRIDE (a member of the Chapter); and Councillors Hannon and Gowdy.

The December meeting, held in Lynn on December 4, comes just too late to be included in this issue.

BEVERLY

Commander: Frank L. Smith
26 Broadway, Beverly
Secretary: Robert J. Standley
34 Bisson St., Beverly

We're doing pretty well in Beverly right now, membership having reached a total of 51 at our last meeting — within 6 of our assigned quota — and there are more coming in.

On November 11, the various patriotic organizations of our city held a joint observance of Armistice Day, and for the first time, our Chapter participated *as a unit*, having with us as guests several former members of old F Battery, 101 Field Artillery.

At our regular meeting on November 17 at Grand Army Hall, we were fortunate in having as guests State Commander TED NOYES and Past State Commander CLYDE ELLIOTT who drove down from Worcester in a pea-soup fog. Salem and Danvers Chapters sent over large delegations whom we were tickled to see, which swelled our attendance to over 60. Our able Abel Katz provided the evening's entertainment (movies by Chevrolet Motor Co.) to the pleasure of everyone.

The December 8th and December 22nd meetings promise to be attractive if Abe lives up to his forecast.

— R. J. S.

BOSTON

Commander: Fred T. Wilson
61 Oak St., Milton
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston

Naturally the big event for the Boston Club this month was the Annual Military Ball on December 2. This is described elsewhere.

The guest speakers at the November Smoker of the Boston Club were, "Swede" Anderson, former Assistant Coach of Football at Harvard and Dr. Edward Anderson, Head Coach at Holy Cross at that time (since signed with the University of Iowa). Swede was at his best with his stories and kept the crowd in good humor for the greater part of an hour. Dr. Anderson told a few stories gave some inside dope on modern football.

The Smoker was one of the best attended in months and once more the Membership prize was not given out. That alone should draw a good crowd next month.

Inside Dope

RUS MORRILL (Signal Corps) Won the championship in the gum chewing contest.

JOHN MORRIS (Pill roller) To his Boss: — "This is Professor Morris of the Park Dep't." Boss: — "You *used* to be in the Department."

ROCCO LAPIO (A Co., 101st Inf.) Resigns from the Club at least once a week on account of the Pitch game.

Ed. Malone (B Co., 101st Inf.) Our next correction officer? Maybe.

Halfenstine (101st F.A.) Getting mail from Reno.

Ken Morrison (Hdqrs, 104th Inf.) Taking accordian lessons.

Dave Mortimer (Hdqrs., 101st F.A.) Likes to spend his spare time here now.

Red Rushford (C Co., 101st Inf.) Always off side.

Nap Larabee (M.G., 103rd Inf.) I'm your cousin, ain't you.

Phil Sanborn (F Co., 101st Eng.) Still looking for the fellow from Baltimore he loaned the $6.00 to.

Ed Burke (D Co., 101st Inf.) "And the Bum says."

Sam Bowers (E Co., 103rd F.A.) Sore at his old Buddy Hanley.

Al Thomson (Signal Corps) Noisy but harmless.

Ned Whelan (Sup., 101st Inf.) The House Detective of Arbeiter.

Mel Harlow (B Co., 101st Eng.) The Policy figurer.

Frank Bogle (I Co., 103rd Inf.) "Sure, I know him."

Chick McGuinness (Hdqrs., 101st Inf.) Four, no Trumps.

Goldie (A Co., 101st Inf.) Down two.

Joe Kelleher (C Co., 101st Eng.) Back from Washington for a winter of Pitch.

Mike Mooney (I Co., 101st Inf.) Now in Washington and still sending postcards to Smitty.

Rothenberg (B Co., 101st Inf.) Has made the Coast at last.

The New Year's Party

The YD Club of Boston and YD Post No. 290 are planning to run a New Year's Party at the Club on Sunday evening, January 1st. The plans are not completed but it probably will be a supper from 10 until midnight and dancing afterwards.

Reservations can be obtained by calling the Club before Thursday, December 29th.

DANVERS

Commander: Harold B. Williams
139 Holten St., Danvers
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers

Danvers Chapter held their regular monthly meeting, Nov. 2, with about 20 present. Not much business but a good social get-together, followed by a feed of cider, doughnuts and cheese. Danvers Chapter attended the Beverly Chapter meeting during the month and also went to Salem, when Salem held "Lynn Night" of their cribbage tournament. A good time was held at both places. We have our next regular meeting Wed., Dec. 14, which will be known as "Father and Son's Night," all members are to bring their sons, if they have no sons, they must bring somebody else's son. We plan on giving them movies and a feed after the movies. We have now reached our quota of 30, but there are still a few more to get, and we hope to soon land them.

— C. W. Davis.

HAVERHILL

Commander: John B. Dwyer
54 Liberty St., Haverhill
Secretary: William F. McCormic
216 Rosemont St., Haverhill

The YD Chapter held their second annual dance at the Armory, on Nov. 4, with a very large attendance. YD members from Salem, Lynn and Beverly and their auxiliaries were present. The armory was decorated with the National colors and the stage was decorated with illuminated pillars with our beloved "Daddy" Edwards' picture hanging overhead. Our thanks to Salem Chapter for the loan of the picture. The National and YD colors were presented to Haverhill Chapter by the auxiliary. There was a large afghan made by Mrs. Harry Pluff, a member of the auxiliary, the sale of which, netted money to pay for the flags.

P.N.C. Ray Doucette was picked to act as master of ceremonies and he did a first class job (as only an artillery man could do!)

There was a large floor show presented by Miss Doris Caffrey, well known Haverhill dancing teacher. Twenty-one acts were presented including solo, duet and group numbers and each pupil received tremendous applause. The children performed with the ease and grace of professionals and showed the results of the fine training received from Miss Caffrey. At the conclusion of the program, Miss Caffrey was presented with a huge bouquet from the YD boys by Past Nat. Com. Ray Doucette of Lynn Chapter who said:

"Twenty years ago today the boys went over the top in the Argonne; but tonight you have gone over the top with this wonderful floor show. In behalf of the YD boys and myself, I wish to extend our deepest thanks and appreciation."

Armistice Day Parade

The YD Chapter and auxiliary took part in the Armistice Day parade displaying their new colors. Com. JOHN DWYER, Senior Vice HARRY PLUFF, and Junior Vice FRANK PINGREE led the Chapter in the parade with McCORMIC and MURPHY carrying the colors. The color guards were two men from the local YD national guard. After the parade there was a lunch served by the auxiliary in our new quarters on Court St. There were 40 YD men in the line of march.

— WM. F. McCORMIC, Secretary.

LYNN

Commander: Holman C. Stanchfield
23 Brooklawn Ter., East Lynn
Secretary: Earl M. Bailey
77 Kensington Lane, Swampscott

Our 20th Annual Armistice Eve Banquet was held November 10th and the biggest crowd ever enjoyed a bang-up time. Just 240 YD men and their wives were present. JOHN SULLIVAN was chairman assisted by TOM CURRAN, CLAUDE HOAG, PERLEY KNIGHT, WALTER SMITH, MICHAEL GAROFANO, LEON VARNAM and RAY DOUCETTE. About 30 had to be refused admission; next year a bigger hall will be obtained.

Past Nat. Com. RAY DOUCETTE acted as Master of Ceremonies and seated at head table were General CHARLES H. COLE, Congressman LARRY CONNERY and wife, Postmaster Tom Wilkinson and wife, National Secretary PHILIP SANBORN (too bad Winnie was missing), State Commander EDWIN "Ted" NOYES and bride "Julie", Colonel WILLARD B. LUTHER and daughter Joan, Chairman JOHN T. SULLIVAN and wife, Lynn Commander HOLMAN STANCHFIELD and wife, ROYAL K. HAYES and wife, President Ladies' Aux. Mary Newman and husband, and last but not least the toastmaster's charming wife, Helen. Remarks were made by all the male guests who were all YD men. The feature speakers were our own and kindly General, Our Congressman, and the grand finale by that dynamic hard working Past Americanization Officer, ROYAL K. HAYES, who did his usual swell job. Thanks a lot, Royal K.

Entertainment consisted of a professional floor show, plus a feature skit by those popular YD actors, LEON 'Muscles" VARNAM and EDWARD "Chesty" SAULNIER assisted by Mrs. Leon Varnam at the piano.

FRED GRIMES, State Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms, Am. Legion, Dept. of R. I., was also present, as were guests from Salem, Danvers, Beverly and Boston Chapters. Favors, noisemakers, plenty to eat and dancing until 1 A. M. climaxed the best banquet ever, and best of all, the committee made there final report the following week and turned over a profit of $19.66. Some job?

The five musketeers, O'CONNELL, JACKMAN, MARCHAND, MAXWELL and WALLACE were on the job — never miss — a great crew and they again came through with an empty bottle, not even filled with milk. Thanks, gang.

The next day, Armistice, we participated in the big parade as a unit for the 20th year. The YD Post 290, squadron of 88 pieces from Boston, led our chapter, and believe it or not, we had 94 YD men in line! Commander STANCHFIELD led our chapter, JOHN SULLIVAN was on staff of 3rd Division and P.N.C. RAY was Marshal of 2nd Division. The gang made a swell showing and after the parade were served a good hot chowder at Club quarters, by the kind-hearted and ever-willing Auxiliary.

A swell banquet, biggest ever, a big turn-out for parade with many new faces forecasts a big year for Lynn.

MORTIMER DOANE (102nd F.A.) is confined at Lynn Hospital for appendix operation, and is doing fine. MARSHALL TAYLOR is still at Chelsea Marine Hospital. What's the matter with the chapters on membership? Lynn will be over the top before you get next "DOINGS."

— "MUSSOLINI" RAY.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: William W. Dresner
7 McGurk Street, New Bedford
Secretary: James S. McQuade
108 Locust St., New Bedford

We have held hardly any meetings on account of summer vacation. Our first meeting will be held Thursday night, November 17, will write you later as to what the master minds of the New Bedford Chapter have decided on.

Now get a low down on this affair that the New Bedford Chapter is putting on, and is costing us plenty to put over. But we figure either sink or swim, one of the two. Read on buddie and if you have ever heard of anything like it let me know.

YD NEW BEDFORD CHAPTER YD
VETERANS ASSOCIATION

FROLIC AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBIT
Benefit Welfare Fund

UNION STREET RAILWAY CAR BARN
Purchase Street Entrance
December 5th to 10th, 1938 (inclusive)

All Star RKO Stage Show
Fun for Everybody — Admission 25 Cents

Monday night, December 5, we are giving away an electric refrigerator or $100.00 in cash, this award will be given to some one present. Other nights special awards will be made — and then a Grand Award — 1939 Chevrolet Automobile, Saturday Night, December 10th, with special awards every night.

Go Beat It, What Do You Think?

Armistice Day we were very busy. The drum corps turned out three times. The poor kids were all tired out, but game, then last Sunday they turned out again for the Canadian Legion, you can not beat them. You know, after all the exercises here, I took them all down to Falmouth and a lot of the boys came down in uniform, also at the exercises and dedication of Father John B. DeValles of the 104th.

— W. W. D.

SALEM

Commander: Thomas J. Bannon
12 May St., Salem
Secretary: Charles Laforme
33 Balcomb St., Salem, Mass.

Meetings every Friday and always well attended. Nov. 4, Nominations for Officers: For Commander, Thomas J. Bannon (D Bat., 101st F.A.), Edmond Gravel (Supply, 101st F.A.); Senior V.C., Alfred Lareau (Supply, 101st F.A.); Junior V.C., Charles Leger (Hdq. 101st F.A.); Secretary, Charles Laforme (D Bat., 101st F.A.); Treasurer, Wilfred Thibodeau (H Co., 104th Inf.); Chaplain, Emile J. Thibault (E Bat., 101st F.A.); Sergeant-at-Arms, Alfred Ayers (Bat. E, 101st F.A.).

Board of Trustees, H. St. Charles (H Co., 104th Inf.), Nap Leblanc (D Bat., 101st F.A), Albert St. Pierre (H Co., 104th Inf.), Lorenzo Wright (101st Supply Train), Albert Theriault (H Co., 104th Inf.) P.C. E. Thibault appointed Chairman of Joint Installation of Officers to be held Friday evening, Dec. 16, in the Salstonstall School Auditorium on Lafayette St., Salem. These installations have been so largely attended that this year we have decided to go to the best place in town. This will be a public installation and dancing will follow from 10 to 12 P. M.

Meeting of Nov. 11 advanced to Nov 9 on account of Armistice Day. Arrangements made for celebration of Armistice Day. Membership drive started; Chapter to drop local dues until April 1, '39. We're going over our quota or know the reason why.

Armistice Day, good turnout, also 20 of our auxiliary in uniform with their new colors. We held open house after the parade until 9:30 P.M. Visitors from the Legion, V.F.W., and Aux. and others. Al. Lareau, "Dutch" Ayers and their gang treated the boys and girls to a delicious clam chowder and the fixings, and did it hit the spot. Dancing and whoopee all afternoon, fried clams and the fixings for supper and some more whoopee. The party ended up about 10 P.M.

Nov. 17th, 9 members of Salem Chapter attended meeting of Beverly Chapter; swell meeting, swell gang, swell time, got home at 1:15 A.M.

Nov. 18th, Monthly smoker and cribbage, Lynn Night, Past Nat. Com. Ray Doucette speaker of the evening, very interesting; also remarks by Gil Cass for Danvers, and City Councillor Phil Durkin, refreshments served. And the cribbage fiends got going. Read the score and weep. Salem won 14, lost 3; Lynn won 2, lost 5; Danvers won 2, lost 9. Any arguments as to who is the champ cribbage chapter in the Y.D.V.A.?

Meeting Nov. 25, Chairman of Entertainment Emil Thibault reported arrangements made for Smoker on Dec. 9, to be Salem Night. Local Chapter will defend their title of cribbage champ against the Salem City Government and the Police Department headed by Mayor Eddie Coffey, City Council, and heads of Dept. of City Hall. This will be a three-cornered affair between the city officials, the police department and the Salem YD Chapter, and there will be a hot time in the old town that night.

— E. J. T.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Robert L. Beach
175 Allen St., Springfield
Secretary: Roswell F. Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield

The Armistice Eve Jamboree party held by the Club was without a doubt a big success, and our hats are off to Chairman Birnie and the remainder of his committee for a grand and glorious evening. We were certainly delighted to learn that we have two such excellent musicians in our Club as Comrade Munyan and Comrade Fuller. They surely can swing it when it comes to a piano and xylophone.

Special mention should be made here of the splendid work of both Commander Beach and Mrs. Beach, for they furnished and cooked all the turkeys for our Armistice Eve party.

Ed Maley as chairman of the Drum Corps Committee did a fine piece of work in organizing a parade from the City Hall in Springfield over to the Bohemian Club in West Springfield where our party was held. This was the first appearance of our newly organized Trum Drum Band and, believe me, they put on a real show at the party and also in the parade, Armistice Day.

At our meeting held November 7th, we decided to run a turkey raffle and entertainment at our next meeting November 21st. This party also went over with a bang and a substantial profit was made for our Club. Comrade Dee headed the committee for this occasion and deserves a lot of credit for the work he put into it.

We are at a loss to understand why we have not received a visit from our State Department Commander this year, as he is always welcome in Springfield. What do you say, Ted? How about coming up to Springfield for an evening and giving the boys a little pep talk on membership! !

The Gold Rush prize of $2.00 was won by Ray Fuller at our last meeting. We would like to see more of our officers and members at our next meeting, as each paid up member has an opportunity to win the Gold Rush.

— R. F. P.

YD AUXILIARY, SPRINGFIELD

The Springfield YD Auxiliary held its regular meeting November 20 at the home of Mrs. Margaret Heber on King Street. A very fine report was read by Mrs. Florence Patch, chairman of the big turkey raffle; the tickets were selling fast and we hope to realize a good profit.

Mrs. Henry Roux, chairman of the hospital committee, reported that together with a committee from the Chapter, they had visited Rutland Hospital and taken each YD man there candy and a carton of cigarettes.

We are planning on a big Christmas party for the children this year. Some time in January we plan to hold a membership supper; each member bring a new member. Get your husband to bring you a membership blank.

— (Mrs.) Catherine Crokan.

WEBSTER - DUDLEY

Commander: Henry Kulczak
20 Harris St., Webster, Mass.
Secretary: William Raszka
16 Goddard St., Webster, Mass.

Webster - Dudley Chapter held a meeting last night, November 28, presided over by Commander Henry Kulczak, with quite a number of members present. There was quite a discussion on membership and we are to make an effort to get all eligible YD men to join our Club. We got off to a good start by getting in two new members now and more will follow, also plans were discussed about ways of raising money and some good suggestions were made. We will take up some of these in the near future. Also spoke of attending the State Dept. meeting to be held in Lynn, Sunday, Dec. 4. Webster will be represented there.

— William S. Raszka.

WORCESTER

Commander: Harry Block
16 No. Woodford St., Worcester
Secretary: Joseph F. Tivnan
66 Warner Ave., Worcester, Mass.

"Lots of Doings" is the keynote of the new administration of Worcester Chapter and things have already begun to hum under the new commander, Harry Block, who himself is a mountain of energy and enthusiasm and all for YD. Harry has a bang-up "let's go" executive committee that is functioning in good style with short snappy meetings out of which emerge constructive programs that are pleasing to the membership. The executive committee membership is as follows: George Elliott, John Lewis, John Yess, Charlie Reeves, James Kierstead, Earle Saunders, Henry Russell, Medac Carpenter, Louis Fishman and the club officers.

On Sunday morning, November 6, the chapter colors and a large delegation from the Club attended memorial services in Saint Luke's Church conducted by Reverend Frederick H. Danker, pastor, who is brother of Chaplain Danker of the Twenty-Sixth Division (104th) who lost his life on the battlefields of France.

Delegations from the Club also attended pre-Armistice Day functions of various veterans associations in Worcester as it is the policy of Worcester Chapter to cooperate with all veterans' posts for the common good.

Harry Block has a brand new YD uniform and looks like a general. He gives freely of his time, represents the chapter whenever possible and does much to keep up the good-will of YDVA in Worcester. He led the YD Club in the Armistice Day parade in Worcester and received a great ovation all along the line. Incidentally the Armistice Day parade is organized and put on by the Worcester Veterans' Council of which our own George E. Scales is Commander and our own Leon D. Jones is Vice-

Commander. We were escorted by the Adams Square School Drum Corps which was organized and coached by JACK JONES and the corps did a splendid job. Chief Marshal was our own General EDGAR C. ERICKSON.

The regular monthly business meeting of Worcester Chapter is to be held on the third Thursday of each month in our own quarters in G.A.R. Building. The November meeting was on November 17, and was a corker; a full house attendance of enthusiastic members and the full quota of club officers were on the job. Commander HARRY BLOCK presided and did a fine job of running the meeting; S.V.C. HERB BUSS, as chairman of the membership committee reported that we are well on the way to accomplishing our quota of members. Past Commander MIKE EARLY (Good old Mike) who is now Service Officer, told of his visits to Rutland Veterans' Hospital and the courageous spirit of PAT SULLIVAN and the rest of the boys up there. JOE TIVNAN reported for the Executive Committee and the recommendations adopted included the acceptance of the bargain days dues arrangement as proposed by National Exec. Comm.; plans for a large whist party to be held to finance purchase of a new elaborate set of colors for use in parades, etc.; plans to be formulated for another "Armory Night" to be held in the State Armory on some date in the future in conjunction with the active units. This is a real joyfest at which various manual of arms competitions and other like sports are held and the usual exhibitions by the active units followed by refreshments.

Other business was quickly taken care of with the usual good-natured discussions and adjourned at 9:30 o'clock to enjoy entertainment of motion pictures of one of the greatest adventures in history: "The Tragedy of Mt. Everest," and several shorts by Lowell Thomas. These were put on in our own quarters — with sound and all by John A. Toomey head of the Bureau of Business Information of the local Chamber of Commerce and were delightful. Junior Vice Commander LESLIE (Pop) SHANNON took care of providing that treat. And then followed EDDIE RACICOT's committee barrage of doughnuts, cheese and coffee which ended the meeting.

Then came the Turkey Raffle and funfest which was held in the quarters of the Spanish War Veterans on Tuesday Evening, November 22. HARRY BLOCK is chairman of the annual Rutland Hospital YD Day committee and the Turkey Social was held for the purpose of financing the Rutland trip. It was a huge success both socially and financially. Several dozens of the finest top-grade turkeys were awarded and also some pints of the golden fluid. I was on the wheel and had a drink out of nearly every one of those pints, topped with my share of good old Brockert's of which our own TOM WHITE provided plenty, and to make a long story short I awoke in my own bed at home on the next morning, thanks to JACK MORRISSEY and HARRY BLOCK, faithful escorts.

The YD Parents Association, made up of members of Worcester Chapter and their wives and also widows of YD deceased, organized to raise funds to aid the drum corps committee, is going places. They have had two successful functions already and are about sixty dollars to the good. The armory shed has been engaged for Wednesday afternoons from 5 to 6 p.m. where the kids are to be drilled, etc. The drum corps is on the way.

Arrangements are being made for a large delegation to attend the YD Ball at the Copley Plaza in Boston on December 2. The Worcester delegation will be led by Commander and Mrs. HARRY BLOCK, with other officers of the Chapter and their wives. FLASH! TED NOYES and Julie will not be present, as the Mrs. had the misfortune to injure her left hand severely a day or two before. We all extend her our sympathy and wishes for a speedy recovery.

— J. F. T.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Howard W. Hunt, 51 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Edwin M. Mara
460 Eaton St., Providence
Secretary: Howard W. Hunt
51 Star St., Pawtucket

Armistice Eve Ball

In spite of the many handicaps caused by the hurricane late in September, the loss of lights, lack of transportation facilities, etc., Providence Chapter, YDVA, sponsored and celebrated a very successful 20th Anniversary Armistice Eve Military Ball at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, on November 10, 1938.

More than eight hundred distinguished guests,

friends, and comrades of the Yankee Division, with their wives, sweethearts, and what-have-you, journeyed to New England's most beautiful ballroom and there spent an evening of real enjoyment. Music for the occasion was furnished by J. Riseman, with sixteen toe-tickling, syncopating, musicians. Vocals were rendered very charmingly by a sweet young lady. J. Riseman, himself a YD comrade, is to be complimented upon the splendid program of dance music furnished. It was exceptionally well received.

During the course of the evening, such distinguished personages as National Commander EDGAR F. MILLER, YDVA of Hartford, Conn.; National Sergt.-at-Arms HARRY ROBERTSON, YDVA of Hartford, Conn.; with their wives and party; Dept. Commander JOHN E. BAIRD of the Dept. R. I., Amer. Legion; Past Dept. Commander FRANK E. MCCAFFERY, Dept. R. I., Amer. Legion; National Treasurer LEE REDFIELD, YDVA, of Boston, Mass., and many others were escorted to their respective boxes by a detail of Providence Chapter Officers composed of State Commander HOWARD W. HUNT, Past State Commander WILLIAM T. MULCAHEY, Chapter Commander EDWIN M. MARA, and Sr. V. Commander HENRY W. MCCARTHY.

At about ten-thirty a very snappy floor show was put on with the inimitable Russ Howard, as Master of Ceremonies. Talent seen on the floor were the Blonde Tappers, a boy and girl tap team; Al Libby, with a sketch in ventriloquism using two dummies; Mona Grant, a single girl contortionist, as well as comedy singing and dancing by Russ Howard. These acts met with such success that they were recalled to the floor several times.

Later still, in the evening, one of the prettiest, most colorful, snappiest Drum Corps in the state, the St. Agnes Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps, made its appearance on the floor. Forty-three members clad in spotless white uniforms trimmed and piped in green, went through a most difficult set of maneouvres. After the corps as a whole had finished, they marched off the floor only to return with twenty-two men. These boys went through twenty-nine separate movements without loss of a beat or step. At the end of it all they marched off the floor amid a deafening roar of approval and noisy hand clapping.

Providence Chapter has made a step forward in an effort to make this an annual affair. If the results of this first attempt are to be used as a gauge, then we can look forward with real pleasure to each succeeding year's party being better and better.

Armistice Day Parade

Providence Chapter participated in the usual Armistice Day parade in Providence. Twenty-two members of the chapter made their first real public appearance in the flashy blue uniforms trimmed in R. I. Red as adopted by the Department of Rhode Island just before the late convention. Headed by the thrice State Champions, the YD Drum and Bugle Corps, about two hundred former members of the Yankee Division, in blue uniforms, the old service uniforms, or in civilians, marched majestically over the densely crowded route of the parade. Time after time, the watchers applauded the boys as they passed.

At the end of the parade, the entire YD delegation, led by State Commander HOWARD W. HUNT and Chapter Commander EDWIN M. MARA, with the YD Drum Corps and a detail of motor-cycle police, proceeded to the State House where a very impressive Memorial Service was held at the plaque dedicated to Major General CLARENCE R. EDWARDS during the late convention.

A short eulogy was given by Chapter Commander MARA, and State Commander HUNT placed a wreath at the base of the plaque. One minute of silence in respect to our departed comrades was observed, followed by the sounding of Taps by members of the YD Drum and Bugle Corps.

Notification has been received from the Providence Armistice Day parade committee that the Yankee Division delegation has been awarded a Cup for having the largest unit in the parade. This is the third time that this Cup has been won.

November Meeting

Providence Chapter is experiencing greatly increased attendance at its meetings. This is partly due to the activity schedule that has been arranged by the Executive Committee and partly to the increased interest that has been shown by YD men in and around Providence, in the YD VA as a whole.

At the November meeting we had over 75 in attendance. Commander MARA, as usual, called the meeting to order at the specified time. Committee reports followed and each chairman gave a detailed accounting of just what his committee had accomplished to date.

Their being no unfinished business to transact, the meeting was immediately opened under the heading of New Business. The first item to be

considered was brought up by Past Dept. Commander WILLIAM T. MULCAHEY. It is provided by the National Constitution that the National Nominating Committee select candidates for National Officers. Their judgment in the selection of candidates has been closely followed by the membership when it came time to vote at the National Convention. Comrade MULCAHEY stated that he understood that there was a member of this chapter out campaigning for a National Office and it was his contention that he should first have the endorsement of his chapter before undertaking any such campaign. Comrade MULCAHEY made a motion that any member of this chapter seeking a National Office, should first get the endorsement of this chapter. That if his nomination is made, it will be laid on the table until the following meeting and that the entire membership be notified to this effect. The motion was seconded and so voted.

Two members of Providence Chapter, YDVA, were nominated for endorsement by this chapter for the office of National Commander. They are Nat'onal Vice Commander HOWARD W. HUNT and comrade JERRY O'LEARY. The membership will be notified of these nominations prior to the December meeting and a vote will be taken to see whether or not the chapter will recommend one or both of these comrades to the consideration of the Nominating Committee.

After the completion of the business affairs of the meeting, it was turned over to comrade WALTER VICKERY, chairman of the entertainment committee for this meeting. He in turn presented to the gathering Mr. Harry Scheer of the art gravure section of the Providence Sunday *Journal.* Mr. Scheer is an accomplished magician and follows this art simply as a hobby. For well over an hour Mr. Scheer kept his audience spellbound, mystified, astounded and gasping over his bagful of intricate acts of magic. Comrade PARISH is still wondering how he salvaged the Ten Spot that Harry borrowed after seeing it burned before his eyes. Comrade BILL SOBAN also is wondering how his pile of cards dwindled to almost nothing when they were securely enclosed in an envelope and inside his coat pocket. Oh, well! Such is the art of magic.

MIKE CRESCENZO, a patient at the Newport Naval Hospital, is responding to treatment very nicely. We hope to have him back with us early next year. Get busy comrades, and send him a "Get Well" card. Cheer this worthy comrade up.

Comrade Sergt. "JIGGER" BURNS of the R. I. state police who was seriously injured in line of duty, during the hurricane is rapidly improving at St. Joseph's Hospital. We hope to see him up and around soon.

— HOWARD W. HUNT,
Dept. Commander, YDVA, R. I.
Secretary, Prov. Chapter.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Raymond B. Kincaid, 39 Homestead Ave., New Britain, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Arthur Butcher 13 Audubon St., New Britain, Conn.

In connection with the above two names, it might appear odd that the Department Commander and Secretary are from the same city. As a matter of fact Commander KINCAID is a member of Bristol Chapter; Secretary BUTCHER a member of New Britain Chapter.

STATE MEETING

Willimantic, Sunday, November 13

Meeting called to order by Commander KINCAID at 3:45 P.M. After a salute to the colors, prayer was offered by Chaplain KEATING and 30 seconds of silence was observed for our departed comrades.

The following were escorted to the platform: National Officers, MILLER, SANBORN, REDFIELD, COOK, SMITH and ROBERTSON. ELLIOTT and NOYES of the Mass. State Dept. CULVER of New York Chapter. O'LEARY of Providence and HERMAN, BISSELL and BOURN of Conn.

Treasurer reported about $19.00 in the treasury with all bills paid.

Roll call of state officers, 5 absent.

Roll call of chapter commanders and chapter attendance: 9 commanders absent and 3 chapters not represented. New London took the gavel.

ED. MEARA spoke on the organization of the New London Chapter and a rising vote of thanks was given him for his work in starting this chapter.

Report of committees: After a general discussion on uniforms from the floor, the uniform committee retired and returned with a report. They suggested that the beret be adopted in place of the overseas hat and that all state commanders, past and present, and all chapter commanders wear a white beret.

As an alternate uniform they suggested that the trousers of the present uniform with white

shirt, black tie and shoes, and the blue beret be adopted.

A vote was taken and the above recommendations were adopted.

A letter from Waterbury Chapter was read inviting the state officers to their installation of officers on Saturday, November 19th.

Commander SALLADIN of Bristol invited the state officers to visit them on the second Friday in January.

Commander SULLIVAN of Hartford invited the state officers to visit them on the first Monday in December, when they will show the pictures of the Providence Convention.

New Business: Commander SALLADIN of Bristol presented the commander with a check for $1.60, the 10% promised the State Dept. on any profit made by the Bristol Chapter at the State Meeting held there in September.

Good of the YDVA: NORTH of Terryville asked if it was possible to have a list of the YD auto markers and their holders. He was appointed a committee of one to look into this and COSTELLO of Hartford offered to help him.

National Commander MILLER spoke, saying that a National Burial Service had been adopted by the Executive Committee in session today and that they had also let the contract of printing YANKEE DOINGS at a $500.00 saving per year to the organization. He spoke on the membership drive and suggested three recommendations to the State Dept.

1. That Chapter Commanders come to State Meetings and bring a written report of their meetings.
2. That the system of inter-city meetings as used in Mass. be adopted by this State Dept.
3. That a council composed of State Officers and all Chapter Commanders be formed to hold four meetings a year to talk over their problems and help each other along.

He also said that in his visits he had found that the Chapters that had good speakers or entertainment at their meetings were the ones that were going places and keeping up interest and getting new members.

All of the visitors on the platform gave brief talks and Doc. KEATING presented a picture of Major RAU and Capt. LEEKE to AL. HERMAN for his dugout.

Commander KINCAID again asked the Commanders to send in the nights and places of their meetings to the State Dept. so he can arrange the visits of the State Officers.

The next meeting will be held in the State Armory at New Britain on Sunday, December 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M. with a salute to the colors.

— RAYMOND B. KINCAID,
State Commander.

ARTHUR BUTCHER,
State Secretary

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: James W. Morrell
R. F. D. No. 3, Box 161, Bridgeport
Secretary: Leslie R. Barlow
39 Woodmont St., Bridgeport

Bridgeport Chapter held an Armistice Night Dinner at Prince's Restaurant, with Commander JIMMY MORRELL as toastmaster. War songs and the relating of wartime experiences made a congenial gathering. Among those present: HERB STANDEN, BILL MCELROY, GEORGE MOONEY, DICK BARLOW, CLARENCE GEER, WALTER THAYER, ALBERT SCHULTZ, CHARLES GEIBEL, GEORGE DUBEE, WILLIAM HARRINGTON, WILLIAM COWLE, BARNEY CLARKE, Dr. CHARLES H. SPRAGUE, BENJAMIN KORNFELD, MARTIN NORRUP, ERNEST FRENCH, JOSEPH T. HURLEY, MATTHEW HERLACH, and RAY COOPER of New Haven.

HARTFORD

Commander: William L. Sullivan
590 Maple Ave., Hartford
Secretary: Donald L. Forbes
77 Rowe Ave., Hartford

News of the 1939 Convention will be found elsewhere in this issue of YANKEE DOINGS. At our next meeting which will be held at the Hartford Gas Company Auditorium on Monday, December 5th, we will have the pleasure of a delegation from the Providence Chapter who will bring us the pictures of the 1938 Convention in that city.

The pictures will be shown to the junior drum corps earlier in the evening, and again later at our meeting.

THOMAS O'CONNOR, chairman of the junior drum corps, reports that the corps will be equipped before the first of the year.

There was a good attendance at the state meeting in Willimantic held in November, and a good attendance is expected at the December state meeting in New Britain. Come on you guys, get out to the regular meetings and the state meetings. Only one evening and one afternoon a month.

There's a lot of you fellows that must know

some YD man who is not yet a member of the chapter, get busy and get him in NOW.

The Hartford Chapter is arranging with the Brown Thompson Studio to have every member photographed, this, of course, will cost you only $1.95. You will receive two photos of yourself and one composite picture of all members, the chapter will receive a large composite picture and a copy of each member to put into the history book. This must be completed before March 1st. At this writing JOHNNY COSTELLO is at the Veterans Hospital in Newington. Let's hope your stay will be short, and you'll be feeling good again, we need you for the big job ahead.

— JOHN J. GOSS.

NEW BRITAIN

Commander: Gardner C. Weld
100 Elbridge Rd., New Britain
Secretary: Arthur Butcher
13 Audubon St., New Britain

New Britain Chapter is having a better attendance and more social times than any time since it was organized. We are holding two meetings each month, the first and third Tuesdays; the first meeting for business and the second, social.

At the last meeting, they say some of the fellows would be there yet playing set-back, if they were not chased out.

Our raffle under the guidance of comrades SELANDER, GRISWOLD and SUESS has put the Chapter on its feet financially and we are sure grateful for that.

Commander WELD has appointed a uniform committee of comrades GREENE, JEZIERSKI, POST and GORDON to try and get the fellows interested in uniforms and get ready for the drive on Hartford next year.

We are working on a plan to get our membership in early next year and hope to have a good membership by April 1st. We think that the plan of $3.00 for this year and next is going to help out in filling our quota in New Britain.

NEW HAVEN

Commander John J. Welch
87 Elizabeth St., New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Fred Hirsch
19 Foster St., New Haven, Conn.

The question facing the officers of New Haven Chapter seems to be "What can we do to interest our members to the point where they will attend meetings?" If any other chapter has the answer we will be glad to have it. Out of a membership of 174, we have difficulty in getting out a baker's dozen.

In November both our meetings were largely social affairs but even this did not have a materially beneficial effect. The first meeting, a German supper of kraut and brockwurst, staged only as FRED HIRSCH can stage it, drew about 75 people. Of that number, however, only about 30 were members. An orchestra provided music for dancing, GIG CARTON entertained, and those present seemed to have a good time.

The more recent meeting was a Thanksgiving Festival staged on the eve of Turkey Day. The emergency finance committee, headed by LEN MALONEY, staged the affair but sad to relate the attendance was terrible. Although there was no admission charge only about 25 members turned out. The wives and friends brought the total to about 60. "GIG" CARTON put on a swell entertainment program with Ray Gerosa, and the trio of Adele, Betty and Dick, all popular at YD affairs, stealing the show. Turkeys were awarded FRANK LEE, BOB DUDLEY, GEORGE KREISS and ANGELO MAZARRELLI. MIKE MCDERMOTT donated a chicken dinner basket for which the wine was provided by NICK SALVATORE and then Mike promptly won the basket.

Thanks to the energetic committee comprised of CHARLIE GARDNER, FRED HIRSCH, "Jo-Jo" SALVATORE, MIKE MCDERMOTT and JOE SCHURK, the affair went over financially, and a small profit was turned over to the chapter for its sadly depleted treasury.

National Commander EDGAR MILLER honored us with his presence. Ed suggested that we try appointing a large executive committee of members who we know will play ball. Okay, Ed, we've tried everything else and we will give your idea a whirl.

The chapter was well represented at the Armistice Day ball staged jointly by all the veterans organizations in New Haven and at the memorial exercises at New Haven Green, a good representation of YDVA men in uniform was noticed. Earlier in the day a small delegation headed by Commander JACK WELCH and Senior Vice JOHN DILLON gathered at the Ahearn Memorial where a wreath was placed. Others present were LESTER BIGELOW, FRED HIRSCH, HAROLD DOLAN, and JOHN AHEARN, brother of the late TIMMY AHEARN. By the way, members of New Haven Chapter will be grieved to learn that Mrs. Bridget Ahearn, Timmy's mother, has been very ill at her home in New York.

Our hats are off to JOE SCHURK and FRED ZETTERGREN who always see that the New Haven chapter colors are on hand at every appropriate function.

— L. J. M.

NEW LONDON

Commander: Joseph F. Keeney,
67 Ocean Ave., New London, Conn.
Secretary: Edward W. O'Meara
25 Nameaug Ave., New London, Conn.

Congratulations to the youngest in the family, New London Chapter, sired by National Commander ED MILLER, conceived by ED O'MEARA, and properly brought into the world by the National Executive Committee on November 13.

On October 31, N.C. ED MILLER and P.N.C. AL HERMAN met with the New London boys, some of whom even had never heard of the Y.D.V.A., who were assembled by ED O'MEARA, long a member of Hartford Chapter, now a resident of New London. As a result of the appeal made by these three men, nineteen members were signed up, 15 of them brand new, the others transfered either from other chapters or from a status of member-at-large. Since then a 20th has been added.

On November 9, a second meeting was held and officers elected as follows: Commander, JOSEPH F. KEENEY; Sr. V.C. ALBERT ST. GERMAIN; Jr. V.C. ELBERT R. BARNES; Secretary, EDWARD W. O'MEARA; Treasurer, WILLIAM AIKENS; Chaplain, ALBERT G. DAHINDEN; Historian, BERNT H. BENTSON; Sgt.-at-Arms, ARTHUR J. WINSLOW; Trustees, WALTER MORAN and WILLIAM KNOX.

On November 13, a charter was granted by the National Executive Committee, meeting in Willimantic. And here and now, your National Secretary wants to say he never saw an application for charter, the membership application clearly filled out, the list of officers, and everything else, so clearly and neatly arranged and presented.

At the state meeting held the same afternoon in Willimantic, the new Chapter got off to a flying start by copping the travelling gavel, presented to the Chapter having the greatest percentage of its membership in attendance. And this their first meeting. (In fact, at the time, the chapter was just about two hours old, its charter having been granted just before the state meeting opened.)

The presentation of charter and installation of officers will take place on December 10; but of that we cannot tell you until next month.

MANCHESTER

Commander: William A. Allen,
165 Henry St., Manchester, Conn.
Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith
12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.

The Army and Navy Club had a turkey raffle before Thanksgiving and so many YD men walked off with turkeys it appeared to be a YD benefit party. JEFF BLANCHARD, DAVE MCCOLLUM, AL JACOBS, and JOE MCCANN were among the winners. JOE MCCANN is also, by the way, Commander of the David McCann Chapter, D.A.V.

On November 30, a special meeting of the Chapter was held, at which assistance was voted for a comrade in need; and the date of our Christmas party was set for December 19.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Army and Navy Club on Wednesday, December 14, at which time we hope to see all of our new members, and intend to work out a better membership program and lay down plans for the period from January 1 to the Convention.

— C. G. B.

WATERBURY
"P.C. Vigneulles"

Commander: Joseph J. Charpentier
30 Baldwin Ave., Waterbury, Conn.
Secretary: Jerry Griffin
267 Sylvan Ave., Waterbury, Conn.

Joint installation ceremonies were held on the 19th of November at the Knights of Pythias Hall, of P. C. Vigneulles Chapter, Y.D.V.A. and Auxiliary.

State Commander RAYMOND B. KINCAID, of Bristol, installed the officers of the Chapter, assisted by WILLIAM N. SALLADIN, commander of Mont Sec Chapter of Bristol, who acted as the installing sergeant-at-arms.

Chapter officers installed are: Commander, JOSEPH J. CHARPENTIER; Senior Vice Com., Col. WILLIAM J. SHANAHAN; Junior Vice Com., MICHAEL GIORDANO; Secretary, JERRY GRIFFIN; Treasurer, FREDERICK W. ROWE; Chaplain, CLARENCE RICHMYER; Sgt.-at-Arms, NICK MUCCINO; Trustees, HERMAN SCHAEFFER and FRANK DOWNS.

The Auxiliary's officers were inducted by Mrs. William Thompson, President of the Mont Sec Auxiliary, assisted by Mrs. Mae Crowe, as Sergeant-at-Arms. Auxiliary Officers are: President, Mrs. Ceil Kearns; Senior Vice, Mrs. Rose Downs; Junior Vice, Mrs. Helene Robinson;

Secretary, Mrs. Jane Meyers; Treasurer, Mrs. Mae Crowe; Chaplain, Mrs. Marie Bolan; Historian, Mrs. Helen Brophy; Trustees, Mrs. Florence Schaeffer and Mrs. Alice Deady. Refreshments and dancing followed the installation and a good time was had by those present.

The committee in charge, Chairman JERRY GRIFFIN, HERMAN SCHAEFFER, FRANK DOWNS and HENRY BARRY.

P.S. YD Chapter of Waterbury is running a card party on the 9th of December, in the Armory, to raise funds for our Christmas Tree Party for the children, which we have every year.

NUTMEG NOTES

DENNIS P. O'CONNOR, (Co. F. 102nd Inf.) was named Attorney General of the State of Connecticut by Governor Wilbur L. Cross. While Denny will serve only one month (the damn Gops having copped the election) he has earned the right to the mantle having served efficiently as a deputy attorney general for many years.

ERNEST S. GOODRICH (Co. C, 102nd Inf.) is director of the Excise Division of our State Tax department.

CHARLES E. LOCKHART (Co. E, 102nd Inf.) is now state commander of the V.F.W. The colonel is principal of Prince St. School in New Haven.

The Hartford *Courant* reports that HOWARD PIERCE DAVIS, traveler, educator, radio commentator and lecturer, served with the Yankee Division during the World War. Recently Comrade DAVIS, who is on the editorial staff of *News Week*, participated in a debate with Dr. Hans Kohn on the subject, "The Munich Settlement — Good or Bad." DAVIS argued that it was good. (Has the New York chapter got this guy signed up?)

ERNIE NOVEY (Colonel to you), a good YD guy, was elected sheriff of Litchfield County in the recent elections. ERNIE is president of the Torrington Chapter.

ED MALONE (Co. D, 103rd M. G. Bn.) pitched his second annual party at Borboni's Lodge in November. With JAMES "Giggles" CARTON (same outfit) as chairman of the entertainment committee, it had to be good.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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CHICAGO

Commander: E. D. O'Connell
7919 So. Union Ave., Chicago
Secretary: D. M. Hubbard
140 No. Dearborn St., Chicago

Chalk up another hit for the cannoneers. Chicago YD veterans and their families were guests of ALLEN USHER (Btry. A, 103rd F.A.) at their most recent meeting. One of the best turn-outs of the year saw Paramount's great Technicolor picture "Men with Wings" on November 17. It was an excellent evening's entertainment and served admirably to build up momentum for the Chicago chapter's plans for 1939, which call for a Division round-up here at the time of the next American Legion Convention.

A few weeks earlier the Club saw the picture, "If I Were King," again as guests of ALLEN USHER, at Paramount's studio theatre. About 40 were present. Working on the flowers-for-the-living theory, it ought to be set down that for a long time this lad, USHER, has served as a sort of iron lung for Chicago YD activities. Hustling on a job that takes him into a dozen states, he never seems to lack time and energy to put on a show for the Club.

Armistice Day saw those YD men, who still take pride in keeping alive their association with one of the outstanding combat divisions of the AEF, heading for Chicago's widely-known College Inn. Some 45 sat down to the kind of dinner they used to dream about when they were cooling off around Haumont on the range. Headed by Buddy Rogers and his band (Buddy played a couple of special numbers and dedicated them to the Division) the Inn put on a good show. Incidentally the evening proved that in spite of weak arches and budding bay-windows, there are some promising Lambeth walkers in the Club's ranks. No one got any higher during the evening than that fondly remembered hill from Guer to Camp Coetquidam, and the celebration goes down in the records as successful, financially, socially and otherwise. Credit for that belongs to ED O'CONNELL and ERNEST KENTWORTZ.

JOHN A. KLOCKOWSKI, one of the Club's most loyal members, had the misfortune to lose his mother this fall. Whether it's matter of dues, advice, attendance at meetings or anything else that counts, the Club can always count on JOHN. The sympathy of every active YD man in this section goes out to him.

The Chicago Club is not thriving. It is sailing along, slowly but on an even keel. Financially it is solvent. More than anything else it needs the active interest of more of the YD men in this area. This year, as in the past, the work of running the Club and its affairs has fallen on too few shoulders. For 1939 the outlook is better, thanks to the stimulus provided by the fact that the Legion will hold its convention in Chicago next September.

DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"

Commander: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver
Secretary: Arthur G. Vetter
1205 Logan St., Denver, Colo.

Although our usual meeting place was closed for re-modelling, YD resourcefulness found another, and — with a nip from Rocky's bottle for a self-starter — many a tall tale was told and listened to with relish.

CHAPIN and GOEDELMANN, DOC MORRIS and FRANK MURRAY were with us. NORTON was absent, and STILES we haven't seen since he joined up, but he recently called up with the name and address of a prospective member.

CHANDLER: has been spending his vacation in Kansas and Nebraska.

ROY DOYLE (A.W.O.L.) has brought home several ducks and partridge, but no deer yet.

JIM GORMLEY: on the road a lot, seen at meetings seldom.

LOEB: Chairman of credit committee for local phone company, has committee meeting there same nights we meet. Tough luck.

PAT PEDICINO: Still in the hospital, progressing nicely.

ROCKY: Football demon, attended pro-game at Colorado Springs, Armistice Day, caught a special for Lincoln, Neb., saw Pitt-Nebraska game next day.

TEMPLE BUELL: Still makes the society columns but not the YD meetings.

CARL JOHNSON: Moved back into his new home and enjoying it.

VETTER: Still at the P.O., and looking forward to Christmas with "mixed feelings".

To those who read the article in a recent Collier's dealing with Colorado's old age pension; the Judge Preston mentioned is our own member, Judge HOMER G. PRESTON.

Tell that BEN JAMES fella that "Swede" MORRISON most certainly was a member of C Battery: I served with him in New Mexico. Along with a bunch more from the 34th we joined the 26th near Epieds. Tell him to ask Fergie or CHICK MEADE; they'll remember him, I'm sure.

A happy Christmas and New Year to you and all the gang.

— A. G. V.

CLEVELAND

"Ohio Chapter"

Commander: Fred H. Flahavan
1257 East 101st St., Cleveland
Secretary: George Z. Jackson
1289 West 76th St., Cleveland

Two deaths this month are hereby reported: ORLIN E. BUNTING, (Co. F, 104th Inf.); and OTHO HOWARD LINGRELL, (Co. E, 101st).

Due to ill health, Commander FRED FLAHAVAN will spend several months in Florida this fall. All his comrades wish him well. His place in his absence will be ably taken care of by Vice Com. JOHN MCGLOIN. RALPH SHAW will attend to business at headquarters.

The month was an auspicious one in Ohio Chapter annals. Things are looking up. At the Hallowe'en Party and installation held Oct. 30, at headquarters a remarkable crowd of members and their wives and friends enjoyed dancing, eats and ceremonies. Past County Commander Judge of the V.F.W. was installing officer. A nice bunch of tentative members was signed up and will be sent in as soon as we get the Do-Re-Me, which will probably be by next meeting.

RALPH SHAW, former adjutant of Ohio Chapter, ex-101st Tr. Mrtr. Btty, was forced to give up the job due to press of business.

GEO Z. JACKSON, also ex-101st Tr. Mrtr. Bat., and a comparative new-comer in Y.D.V.A. ranks, only hopes to keep up the good work of RALPH.

Hope to have something more substantial to report in next issue.

— GEO Z. JACKSON.

LOS ANGELES

"Southern California Chapter"

Commander: George D. Cannon
4895 Eldred St., Los Angeles
Secretary: George K. Mitchell
824 Cresthaven Dr., Los Angeles

The YD Club of Southern California held two business meetings in November, the second one instead of the customary social meeting which

was waived because of its proximity to Thanksgiving Day.

The attendance at both meetings was fair and a discussion of various subjects under the Good of the YD livened the meeting considerably.

Commander GEORGE D. CANNON represented the Club at the Annual Armistice Day Church Service in the Third Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 6th. The Pastor, Reverend Roberts, a Chaplain of the 5th Division, A.E.F., conducted the service.

Armistice Day, Yankee Division veterans marched with the Combat Divisions group in the morning parade in downtown Los Angeles, led by Commander CANNON who was also on the staff of the Division Commander. GEORGE W. TWOMBLY, P.N.P., had been invited to command the Combat Veterans Unit but declined.

After the parade several of the boys gathered at the Hayward Hotel to celebrate, and a dance in the evening was attended by others to climax the 20th anniversary of the World War ending.

Sunday, November 27th, the Club presented a vaudeville show at the Veterans Hospital at Sawtelle. The acts which were greatly enjoyed by our shut-in comrades were obtained from the W.P.A. and all very good.

To conclude a busy month, the YD Auxiliary held a social and card party on November 30th. Games and refreshments were enjoyed with prizes given to winners.

Assisted by the YD Auxiliary, we will hold our annual Christmas Party on December 21st, with six acts of high class vaudeville booked for the entertainment and a tree with trimmings, gifts, candy and refreshments to make the party complete.

The members of the YD Club of Southern California extends to our buddies in all Chapters a sincere and hearty wish for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

WASHINGTON

Commander: Eugene F. Burr
422 Cedar Road, Silver Springs, Md.
Secretary: William D. Sharples
3133 Newton St., N.E., Washington, D. C.

Services were held on Nov. 3 at the Presidio in San Francisco for Gen. SIMONDS. The body will leave San Francisco on an Army transport November 29th, arriving in New York on December 16. The burial will be in the cemetery at West Point about December 19th. A number of the boys from Washington are planning to attend. General SIMONDS was a very popular member of our Chapter. Personally, I have never known a finer man — and I've known some darn fine fellows. Even when he was Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, he was just one of the boys with the YD. You know, PHIL, he was one of those men who are just naturally loved and respected without ever being required to insist on it. His death was a great shock to us. I have been delegated by the Washington Club to draw up a resolution on his death and the task has got me stumped. If you described the kind of a man he was people who didn't know him wouldn't believe you.

And incidentally, Mrs. Simonds and his two daughters are the same kind of people.

If every cadet at West Point through all the years to come could be patterned after General GEORGE S. SIMONDS, a West Point education would be the finest thing in the world.

To get on to other things:

Mr. and Mrs. LEONARD W. A'HEARN (101st Inf.) are receiving congratulations on the birth of twins last Monday, October 31, (one of each).

We had a meeting last Wednesday night. Met first at 5 P.M. at a bowling alley for a little exercise — then to a chop house for a little dinner — and finally to the meeting in the office presided over by JOHN CASWELL. JOE WILNER who has been absent for some time was there looking fine, although the doctor still has him observing curfew.

ROSWELL PATCH of the Springfield Chapter along with Mrs. Patch dropped in on me a few weeks ago and we had a very pleasant visit. They're fine people.

— R. J. Q.

NEW YORK

Commander: Edward J. Nelson
350 Fifth Ave., New York
Secretary: H. W. Washburn, Jr.
677 Fifth Ave., New York

Ho! Hum! From a peak of 175 at the last meeting to a small gathering of 36. Why? Why? Why? Evidently most of the boys were out trying to catch their Thanksgiving turkey.

The New York Chapter met in the New England Room of the Prince George Hotel on Tuesday evening, November 22nd. We were very pleased to welcome BEN ROSMAN (104th Amb.) of Providence, R. I. We would like to have more visitors from New England. Our meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month, unless otherwise specified and always at the Prince George Hotel.

Meeting called to order by Commander EDWARD J. NELSON at 8:10. At this time it gave our Commander great pleasure to welcome Father THOMAS F. TEMPLE, our own Chaplain, as well as the National Chaplain.

Second Vice Chairman HARRY A. BURT gave a report on membership which shows a good increase since the last meeting. HARRY stated he expects to see at least 250 enrolled before the next meeting.

General EDWARDS Memorial Committee — JOE MCGLONE, Chairman, gave a brief outline of what has taken place to date — full report of which was in last month's YANKEE DOINGS. The date of April 20th has been set definitely. Mr. Ziegler, the well-known sculptor is to be employed to make up the model. The bronze plaque is to be made by Black Starr Frost-Gorham and we anticipate having one of the finest memorials — not in size, but in quality — that has been erected to the memory of "Daddy" EDWARDS to date. More news will be published in the January issue.

OTIS CULVER, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, introduced Munro Silver, the original Cohen-on-the-Telephone character. He was exceptionally good and entertained us with various stories which kept the fellows in peals of laughter — (even Father TEMPLE enjoyed them.) Why? Because they were good stories and could be told on the stage or over the radio. Munro received so much applause that he gave us an encore. A real good time was had by all and those of you who were absent missed a good treat.

OTIS CULVER also announced that our January meeting will be an EVENT. With the help of Jim Hurley, we are to have an All Sports Night when we shall have with us the leading figures in the various branches of sports. This is one meeting which you should not miss.

Dr. ARTHUR G. BUEHLER (we always call him "Doc") was with us for the first time in several months. He has not forgotten how to knock you into the middle of next week by slapping you on the back.

BUCK O'BRIEN — what has happened to him? No one has seen him for some time.

MORRIS CRUHLAC — he's the fella that made up the banners for us at the Convention — (the banners which we could not locate when the Convention was over, due to the fact that they now decorate places all over New England.) Wonder why MORRIS has not been to the last three meetings.

Congratulations to BILL GORDON whom we understand is to receive a much better position with an increase of 30% in pay. Not bad.

Inasmuch as we were threatened with space rates due to the length of the article last month, we are keeping this one short but watch out for the January issue.

A very Merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year to you all, is the wish of the New York Chapter.

— "WHIT."

101ST INFANTRY ITEMS

The story of the Memorial Mass of the Second "Iron" Battalion and Banquet is told of elsewhere in this issue.

The installation of officers of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association was held at the quarters of Homer Wheaton Post, V.F.W. on Front Street, Worcester. (N.B. Correspondent does not give date.)

WILLIAM HALL (L Co.) was the installing officer, assisted by NICHOLAS FLEMING (D Co.) who was Captain of the Staff.

The officers installed were: President, FRED JONES (G Co.), Worcester; 1st V.P., WILLIAM GALLAGHER (D Co.), South Boston; 2nd V.P., JOHN R. QUILTY (K Co.), Wollaston; Secretary, JOHN E. WHELAN (Supply Co.), Mattapan; Treasurer, ALBERT M. PACIFICI (B Co.), Somerville; Judge Advocate, JOHN W. COUGHLIN (K Co.), West Roxbury; Sergeant-at-Arms, GEORGE O'MALLEY (K Co.), Clinton.

After President FRED JONES was installed he introduced the master of ceremonies, General THOMAS F. FOLEY. He in turn, presented Alderman Toomey representing the Mayor of Worcester; ARTHUR HANSEN, Mayor of Waltham; Mayor Carr of Medford, who invited the Regi-

mental Association to hold its Annual Convention in Medford next year; Father BOUCHER of Fall River, and the commanders of various veterans organizations of Worcester.

The only official business was the accepting of Mayor Carr's invitation to hold the Convention in Medford. After the meeting, a Dutch supper was served, with plenty of Brockert's ale.

— J. E. W.

E COMPANY

Starting in January, monthly meetings of E Co., 101st Infantry Association will be held in preparation for the 1939 Convention which will be held in Medford.

Many important committees must be organized; to have a live-wire committee requires a live-wire chairman. Such E Company men as Capt. JIM O'BRIEN, MARTY TAYLOR, JOHN DOYLE, BILL LACEY, CHESTER WOODSIDE, R. C. CROWTHER, JOHN HENSON, JOHN MAHAN, HARRY CONLEY, MIKE NORTON, JACK GIBSON, RALPH NELSON are all good workers.

Medford being surrounded by such large cities as Malden, Everett, Somerville, Arlington, Melrose, Charlestown, Woburn, and having a population of 65,000 — and also having Mayor John C. Carr and the merchants solidly behind the Convention — Medford is an ideal place.

Mayor Carr who has cooperated with veterans at every opportunity, has also been the first mayor to accomplish the shortening of the working hours for firemen; and is being tendered a testimonial banquet at Fire Department Hq., on the night of December 14, at 6:30.

— WINFIELD DOWD,
President, E Company Ass'n.

102ND INFANTRY

E COMPANY

I went from Washington, D. C. up to Seymour, Conn. on October 29 to attend the annual reunion dinner of the company. Had a darn fine time and saw a lot of the boys whom I see only at these affairs. Maybe distance lends charm to the comradeship started twenty years ago, but I'll be darned if I can understand how some of those birds who live right close by can't find the time to get to an affair like this.

— RAYMOND J. QUEENIN.

103RD INFANTRY

A COMPANY

Well, I went up to Dexter, Me., old home station of Co. A, where we had a reunion on Armistice Day. Arrived in Dexter on Thursday evening and as usual made for Ben's Sandwich Shop which is managed by our old Top Sgt. PAUL DYER; this is the hangout for A Co. and 103rd, and other YD men in town as Ben is very popular with the boys, same today as he was in "Muddy" France. That evening I met JERRY PAGE, a former dog-robber and the first man in the Co. to be cited in action for carrying ammunition during a barrage on the Chemin Des Dames front; TOM AMBROSE, one of the 27 men left in the company when the Armistice was signed; and BELNO HANDY, who was up here from Salem, Mass. HANDY was only 16 when he enlisted.

On Friday morning we gathered at Ben's and the boys began to arrive. First was MACK MOUNTAIN, former Maine state bowling champion, and our machine-gun Sgt. CYRUS BURRILL, AMBROSE, ED GRANT, up from Saco, Me., HAROLD RIDLEY came down from Guilford. SIMEON CLUKEY, our old cook, "General" HUBBARD, up from his farm in Garland, which he left at 4:30 in the morning. Sgt. GAGNON came up from Oakland, SANDSTROM from Buckport, and CROCKER came 103 miles from Woolwich, Me., all came in the morning. While we were in Ben's watching others drink beer, who should walk in but our old Captain PERCY A. HARDY, just made Judge in Dexter the day before. It was some surprise for him as he didn't expect so many from out of town. It was the first meeting between him and CROCKER since July 18, 1918 when they were both wounded at Belleau Woods.

We made our plans for a feed to be held at the "General's" farm that evening, and we took down all our food and tonic. Those who made the trip were, HASTY, BURRILL, S. CLUKEY, DYER, HUBBARD, BENNETT, CROCKER, AMBROSE, GAGNON, SANDSTROM, PAGE, HANDY and I. We did not return until late in the evening and GAGNON and CROCKER had to leave that same night for their homes.

Next day I met HARRY DEARBORN, now a fireman in Somerville, Mass., who was up for a ten-day hunting trip; this kid was shot in both legs at Belleau Woods.

I want to thank WINTHROP M. LAUF of Norfolk, Mass. for the article he had about the V.F.W. at Columbus, Ohio. I wrote to Loos, a former member of my Co., and got a reply, stating that I was the first man from the Co. he had heard from since we were discharged. So you see that YANKEE DOINGS does a lot of good, and I for one, would not think of dropping out.

Other Co. A news:

FRED PRATT, badly gassed at Haumont Woods, is now living in Dover-Foxcroft and is nearly blind due to this gassing.

RUBEN BRANN, who lost a leg in 1929 due to war injuries, is living in South Dover.

URBAN LEECH is reported as being in a hospital in New Jersey.

At the supper, twenty former members were reported to have died since we were discharged at Devens. By the way that was one of the strangest suppers I have ever attended with veterans, there was no drinking to speak of, all the boys seemed to want to talk about was how different ones were killed, etc.

The Dexter crowd are planning on this reunion each Armistice Day and those living away from Dexter will be taken care of after they reach there, there will be no expense for food and lodging.

GEORGE BURNHAM is in Richford, Vt., COLLICUTT is a street car conductor in Bangor, FAY STEVENS is in LaGrange, FRANK LAWRENCE in Carmel, C. CLUKEY in Sebec, WALTER MCCARTY, who was twice wounded, was killed by an aeroplane last August, he died a hero as he pushed his wife into the water to save her from being hit, but could not save himself.

Better drop in here, PHIL, and see this burg, and I'll show you a large but *dry* crowd of YD men: NORTON, METCALF, STACY, KNIGHT, KIMBALL, TUCKER, PIERCE, GOODWIN, F. DAY, G. DAY, NICKLIN.

— FRANK JOCK,
Kezar Falls, Maine.

102ND FIELD ARTILLERY

Success at last! The eastern cowboys of the 102nd F.A. ride again. With rafter-raising whoops they greeted that grand old soldier, Col. LOCKE of Washington, D. C., at the first real reunion since the early twenties. This gathering took place at the Boston City Club on Nov. 5, and there were at least four hundred from all parts of the state.

In the limelight at the head table were, Col. LOCKE, Gen. ECKFELDT, Col. GOODWIN, Capts. JOHN SIMPKINS and ROLLY CHOATE (now a Col.), SANDERSON of the Medical Corps, MARTY GILLIGAN (Batt. F), and LENNY MCDONALD (Batt. B). Invited guests included our beloved chaplain, Rev. STACKPOLE of Milton, Gen. SHERBURNE and Col. BILL KEVILLE of the Ammunition Train.

And lest we forget, a swell band from the present day 102nd F.A., who donated their services gratis. Gen. ECKFELDT and Col. "Wild Bill" HOWE are to be thanked for the band's appearance and congratulated for their ace regimental musicians.

Col. LOCKE, in his short and interesting remarks, declared, "that if present day democracies adopted the slogan of a former President, Theodore Roosevelt, to 'carry a big stick and speak softly,' they would not be liable to find themselves in the position of a certain European country during recent months." The Colonel ended his remarks with an artillery ditty, "The Driver" which was generously applauded.

There are so many things to write about that this yodeler of the brass is overwhelmed to daffiness, (that is a little more than he professes to possess). But, mes vieux, it certainly was a treat to see so many of that swell old gang of mavericks; none better in the whole U.S.A. Here are some of the names of those who were present:

ROLLY CHOATE'S crew of pirates included soldats, MADDEN, DANNEHY, WORKS, HUTCHINS, FLYNN and HOPKINS.

From A Battery messrs.: TUTTLE, MAHONEY, SAWYER, RYAN, HENDERSON, BRADLEY, BOOTH, BURNO, MURPHY, NEDEAU, WHITEMAN, GOYETTE, COUTURE, LANGDON, MCNEIVE, WALDRON and DANIELS.

A few of the Batteries B and E Worcesterites were: STIDSON, LESLIE, KELLEHER (Pres. of B), MCGUINN, GOULD, MOBERG, SULLIVAN and GORMAN.

Capt. PAGE'S former command — Battery C — included: LAVIN, LORDEN, LAW, CONNORS, MCKEE, JOLLY, MULHERN, JORDAN, TRIGGET, WYMAN and O'ROURKE.

Organizer Capt. SWAIN'S New Bedford whalers of Batt. D included: Major WINSLOW, MCDONALD (Pres. of D), LEWIS, WEINHOLD, COTNOIR, BEATTY, KENWORTHY, LUCAS, CARON, CHASE, STANLEY, MARCOUX, CARROLL, HYLAND, BARRETT, ECCLESTON, SHEERIN, COUGHLIN, RAT-

CLIFFE, MALONE, ANDERSON, MURRAY, METCALF, BURNS and DRESSNER.

Con. KING's Batt. F, Lowell delegation included: FAHEY, GILLIGAN (Pres. of F), HURLEY, MULVEY, CLOWATER, DALEY, QUESSY, DESAULNIEL and SHEA.

Skipper JOHN's troop was represented by: McHALE, FLYNN, RYAN, WHITTEN, McGURDY, DOIRON, SHERLOCK, DENNIHAN, THOMPSON, MORENZI, HOGAN, DOANE, HAP HALEY, EARLY, "Showman Zeke" RUSSELL, FOSS, LENTZ, SHEDD, BARNES, BAEDER, BERUBE, CONTOIS, COYNE, TONRA, COLLINS, Lieut. CHADWICK, Major "Dodo" MINOT and the champ

A.E.F. Bugler,
HUBBER MURPHY.

101st TRAIN HEADQUARTERS AND MILITARY POLICE

A post card notice informs YANKEE DOINGS that the 20th Annual Reunion and Banquet of these outfits was to have been held in the Hotel Touraine in Boston on November 5 — and probably was thus held.

But that was the first, last and only notice DOINGS received.

101st MACHINE GUN B'N.

BEN BOURN told your editor (between catnaps — BEN, we mean, not ourselves) that the 101st Machine Gun Battalion held a reunion on November 12th. BEN looked it on the 13th, the day we saw him in Willimantic. His description of it was, "Gee, what a time; wow, WHAT a time!"

And that's all we can tell you about it here. That was as far as he could get before sleep claimed him again each time.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

A COMPANY

The following addresses are desired for A Co. list, 101st Engineers:

ROGER K. HUBBELL, PHILLIP A. DAMON, ALBERT GORMAN, SAMSON K. COHEN, ROBERT W. PHILLIPS, JAMES M. FAULKNER, GEORGE E. SHIELDS, C. McDEARMOT, ALFRED BELANGER.

HAROLD Q. STONE, CARL T. PINN, ALFRED J. CONNOLLY, LESTER F. CHESSMAN, RAYMOND L. DOUGLAS, HERBERT C. MERRILL, IRVING A. RICH, ARTHUR E. LANDERS, GEO. BERGLAND, ROBERT W. CARROLL.

GEORGE NEWMAN, who is connected with the Public Works Dept. of the State of Connecticut, recently met GEORGE BRADBURY at Hartford, Conn. GEO. BRADBURY is making a survey of the property loss of warehouses and stock for the Valvo-line Oil Co. Seems as though the hurricane did plenty around New London and Providence. BRADBURY's headquarters is Valvo-line Co., Portland, Maine.

F COMPANY

For the first time in many, many, many moons, your correspondent is unable to recall a single item of F Company news that has come to his attention during the past month.

Please, let us hear if you are a grandfather or have a new job, or ever think over the old days. Let's have a few names here anyhow, every month.

— P. N. S.

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EDWARD J. CRAY, formerly First Sergeant of A Co., 103rd Machine Gun Battalion, died on October 31 at the Veterans Hospital, White River Jct., Vermont, one hour after being admitted. Mr. CRAY was a member of Bellows Falls Chapter, Y.D.V.A. At the military funeral services held at St. Charles Church, Bellows Falls, on November 3, members of the chapter, and friends who served overseas with him were present. The bearers were: RAYMOND J. COCKLIN, BYRON ROBINSON, GERALD CRAY, JOHN BREEN, HUGH SULLIVAN, CHARLES WILSON, WILLIAM DEAN, and ANTHONY ANDOSCA. Color bearers: CHARLES JURKIEWICZ and THOMAS KENNEY. Color guards: AMEDEE FONTAINE and ANTHONY ROGINSKI. Firing squad from members of Company E. Taps were blown by EDWARD TYRRELL, echo by CARL PRESCOTT. The deceased served with A Co., 103rd M.G. Battalion until commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant and assigned to the Army of Occupation.

CHARLES R. LEPAK, whose regiment in the

Yankee Division is not given in the clippings sent to YANKEE DOINGS, died in Meriden, Conn., on November 23, while in an ambulance en route to the Meriden Hospital from his work as a foreman painter at 525 Center Street, where he was suddenly stricken. Death was caused by heart attack. A military funeral was accorded him on November 26 from the funeral home of John F. Perry & Sons, with high mass of requiem at St. Stanislaus Church, Meriden.

HAROLD AMORY, formerly a first lieutenant in B Co., 101st M.G. Battalion, was fatally injured on Saturday, November 12, when thrown from his horse in a steeple-chase hunt at the Norfolk Hunt Club in Medfield, Mass. Crushed under the steed, he died at 6:15 o'clock that evening at the Leonard Morse Hospital in Natick. Mr. AMORY was the son of Mrs. Augustine H. Amory of Dedham and was graduated from Harvard with the class of 1916 after being previously graduated from Groton School. In July, 1923, he married Miss Amey Peters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William York Peters of Boston and Dover, Mass., at the Peters summer home in Mattapoisett. Mr. AMORY, who made his home in Dover, was a partner in the firm of James Lawrence & Company, cotton brokers, of Boston. He leaves, besides his widow, five children. He was a member of the YD Club of Boston, Secretary of the Norfolk Hunt Club, and a member of the Tennis and Racquet Club. He had long been connected with religious work and several years ago was elected secretary of the Church Home Group. Funeral services were held in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Dedham, the Reverend Thomas J. Chappell officiating.

CHARLES D. MORGAN, formerly of the 102nd Ambulance Co., and a former resident of Bridgeport, Conn., died in San Diego, Calif. on October 27.

JERRY B. BACON, formerly of the Medical Detachment, 103rd Field Artillery, was found dead at the home of his father in Niantic, Conn. on August 27. For many years he was employed at McCutcheon's in New York. He was in his 61st year.

LEO C. PARKER, formerly First Sergeant, C Co., 101st Engineers, died on November 4. No further details have been reported to the YANKEE DOINGS.

THOMAS WATSON, formerly of E Co., 101st Engineers, died on Tuesday, November 29, following a long illness. Tommy had been a member of the YD Club of Boston from the day it opened, and was known and loved by all. His brother, who served in the same company overseas, was killed in action. Their mother still lives; Tommy was unmarried. The funeral services, held from Waterman's Chapel in Kenmore Square, Boston, on Sunday afternoon, December 4, were observed too late for this issue of YANKEE DOINGS. It is known, however, at time of going to press that many former comrades of E Company, 101st Engineers, and of the YD Club of Boston intend to be present to pay him their last respects.

Not certain whether their deaths have been reported before in this column, YANKEE DOINGS records the death of ORLIN E. BUNTING, formerly of F Co., 104th Infantry; and OTHO H. LINGRELL, formerly of E Co., 101st Infantry, as notified in this month's dispatch from Ohio Chapter.

Also, in the column of news from A Company, 103rd Infantry, will be found an account of the death of WALTER MCCARTHY, formerly of that company.

ROBERT W. THOMAS, prominent in Hartford insurance circles and a former lieutenant in the 14th M. G. B., 5th Division, died suddenly on November 19th in a theater while on a visit to New York. Bob had served in the ranks of the 101st Machine Gun Battalion and won his commission overseas after attending the army school at Langes. He was cited in divisional orders by Major General Ely for bravery during the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

Born in Centerville, Md., July 3, 1888, Bob graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, in 1913. He was with the London & Lancashire Insurance Co. when war broke out but immediately following our entry into the World War Bob enlisted with the 101st. He had previously served at the Mexican Border with Co. B, 1st Conn. Inf. in 1916.

After the War Bob returned to the L. & L. and he was agency secretary at the time of his death. He served also with the Safeguard Insurance Co. and the Orient Insurance Co.

Comrade THOMAS is survived by his widow, Merritt Page Beck Thomas and two children, Robert W. III and Ellen. The funeral was held in St. John's Church on November 22. Interment was in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

The Yankee Division Veterans Association extends its deep sympathy to FRED STONE of Bellows Falls, Vermont, in the death of his wife on November 7.

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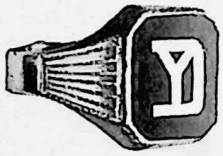

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